

An abstract mosaic artwork composed of numerous small, irregular tiles in shades of blue, red, orange, and white. The tiles are arranged in a complex, non-repeating pattern that creates a sense of depth and movement. The mosaic is divided into four horizontal sections by thin black lines.

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Senior Josh Sparks finds time for some leisurely reading on the wall in front of the library. Students found this a popular place for studying and socializing.



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Technology allowed students to learn beyond the classroom and beyond the campus. The world became the classroom as students surfed the internet and used software that exposed them to new insights and cultures.

Goals *Think Creative* **Mind** *Study Teach* *Learn Knowledge* *Enlighten*

From internships to community service, classrooms to laboratories, students learned in a variety of settings. Sometimes challenged, sometimes affirmed in their thinking, students discovered that Mars Hill College offered a banquet of opportunities for gaining knowledge and new insights. Structured and unstructured learning enabled students to tap into their own creativity and explore fresh ideas, new processes, and draw their own conclusions.



Labs provide stimulating learning for senior Joel Moffat and sophomore Llaime Ranzer. Lab time was usually two hours each week and offered new ways of gaining knowledge.



Showtime

The Arts on Campus

The theater department has been going through a renewal. The season was marked by the arrival of new faculty Steve Schigurrelli and the stay of guest director, Bill Martin. The fall semester saw the production of the musical "El Capitain". The large cast was made of theater and music majors, as well as a few professional actors in key roles. It was a great success.

The Fine Arts department and the Weizenblatt gallery have been the host of some good exhibitions all year, such as "The Women They Left Behind" by Larry Powell (Vietnam

memorial), Tarlton Blackwell's Pig Paintings, "Souvenirs from my Visit to America" from Harry McDaniel, and a stunning exhibition of regional book art.



This year again, the Music Department has been as busy as can be, hosting band clinics and the 50th choral "Festival". Hundreds of participants came from 75 high schools to sing intensively for two days, in preparation for a final

concert on Saturday afternoon. The MHC Choir sang and staffed this event. This 50th edition of the J. Elwood Roberts Choral Festival was by all accounts, a success.

Dr Joel Reed leads the directors' choir at the choral Festival.





Emily Van Dyke and Tim Wilde were the lead actors in *El Capitain*.

Jilian Knight and Ramona Janson make art outdoors as part of a class on Women in the Arts.



"Standing Room Only" (SRO) rehearses for their Spring show. From top left: Jeremy Jale, Matt Reid, Krissy Emeola, Emily VanDyke, Chris Geddie, Michelle Asselin and Jay Smith.





Dr. John Hope Franklin gives a lecture to a very large Mars Hill audience at the invitation of the History Club.

Drs. Meacham, Caudle and Smith are team teaching the Ethics Science and Technology class.



Joyce Hollyday, one of the speakers of the "Deeds To Dreams" week, talks with Ken Sanchagrin.



Grounded in Faith and Humanity

Faith, Religion, Ethics, History and Culture were all subjects that informed who we were, where we came from and what our values were. The bedrock of our college has always been its Baptist heritage and its liberal arts curriculum. Chapel and other services offered by the campus ministry are very important to the life on campus.

This year was kicked off with the "Dreams to Deeds" week. Millard Fuller (Habitat for Humanity) and Joyce Hollyday gave talks about dreams, faith and service. These events, organized in conjunction with the service learning center, were well attended across campus, and launched an exciting year.

The Humanities Department proved

quite thought provoking with stimulating discussions. The Woman Studies minor was officially added to our curriculum.

The Foreign Language Department was taking a second group of students to Mexico in May. The History Club invited Dr. John Hope Franklin to address the Mars Hill community on the subject of race relationship, and the English Department multiplied their web pages out there. No where were issues of

race, gender, and ethics discussed more than in the Ethics of Science and Technology class. In the spring Drs. Meacham, Caudle and Smith's class addressed issues of cloning, abortion and doctor assisted suicide ... Easy solutions beware!



The Harambee Gospel Singers accompanied many chapel services during Black History Month. O'Nicholas Lindsey is the director; the singers are (from top left) Tim Lynch, Courtney Knapton, Trevor Ross, Maurice Myers, Latoya Mitchell, Tatyana Simon, Chad Dula, Brandon Jones, Shayla Lessington, Guirlaine Baptiste and Shea Drummond, with Jason Jones at the piano.

Micro-Macro Vision

Great things happened in the small scale down in Wall Science Building. Take for instance Dr. Croom's phyto-genetic class. Students grew cells, isolated their chromosomes and observed their own DNA. In the Microbiology class, student noticed the growth of bacteria in common places, such as one's own kitchen... Dr. Smith Ornitology class studied birds while the senior chemistry class assisted Dr. Boggess in his study of transgenic tobacco. Improving our world small steps by small steps, was what science did best.



Dr Scott Pearson took his classes out to collect soil samples as part of his ecology/biology class (No bullfrog dissections in this class). A handful of upperclassmen are registered for his advance ecology class (Susan Snead, Crystal Loam, Chris Makins, David Young and Nicole Beller). At Mars Hill, science was local and useful. It was a witness of the local economy, how it affected the soil, the fauna, and how humankind can make it better.

Monica Rice and Roxanne Bradburn conduct an experiment in Microbiology.





Orinthology student, Jeff Silver, is studying a stuffed bird.



Ron Clerico and Alison Shannonhouse study some fascinating slides.

Jo Dee Childers discovers that biology can be quite exciting.

Ming An Xiang, a Chinese journalist, discusses issues of free speech and journalism in China.



The email lab is a popular site for students.



Communicate

Live or through the Net

Over 60 students declared a communication major on our campus. They were visible, vocal and often off-campus doing their internships. They might be writers, journalists, radio or television speakers, graphic designers, computers wiz with an extraverted bent, PR people or management orientated students. The communication department sits at the cross road of many different disciplines. Liz Michel managed to keep the large group hopping,

excited, and very professional in their endeavour.

Computer science majors knew they would be employed and busy as soon as they graduated, or sometimes even before that. This year they were hard at work revamping the MHC Website, learning HTML and other programming languages, and generally spending time

in dark, air conditioned rooms.



Dr. Liz Michel and Ming An Xiang are good friends. Dr. Michel visited An Xiang in China and continued to correspond with him. He visited MHC at her invitation.

Education interns prepare their lesson plans for classroom teaching in the Asheville schools.

Try it Once before you graduate

Many majors depended on internships to complete their training, and to comply with the accreditation of their profession. On our campus the programs most famous for their internships were Education and Social Work. A social work major had to complete a junior internship of 20 hrs/week for a semester and a senior internship of 40 hrs/week in places like runaway shelters, Presbyterian Home for Children, Family agencies (F.A.C.T.) and many more. The social work intern did clinical and theoretical research, log entries in a journal and kept track of his/her emotional issues. A challenging called heeded by the warm

hearted and the generous.

The MHC Education graduates were sought after all over the state because of their professional training. They spent 10 weeks in the area K-12 schools teaching english, math, art and science. The experience was often an eye opener for the interns who might have forgotten the merciless nature of middle school students. Other departments like communications and recreation also had mandatory internships. Internships, like service learning experience, are strongly encouraged throughout campus.



Education majors, Christina DuBois, Allison Price, Freda Morgan, Dr. John Hough, Jennifer Wyman, Michelle Ramsey, and Samatha Rhodes, find group discussion helpful as they reflect on their intern teaching experience.





Jamie Endy works with a student as he interns in sports management and personal training and fitness.

Friendships are important to senior social work majors who stay busy doing a 40 hour per week internship.

Ramona Janson and her Dutch mentor, Anka, who met her at the station when Ramona first arrived at Gronningen.



Akira Ito asks a pointed question during a student gathering.

Jen Halsall, Kelly Towles and Melissa Blair(-Gosling) visit the roman bath in the city of the same name, England.



International Experience

The international experience on campus presented itself in many different forms: making friends with international students, taking a semester or a year to study abroad, or travelling with an organized group to Mexico, Greece and Israel or Ireland. All options were popular! There were many international students on campus from Hong Kong, Japan, Argentina, Brasil, Italy, France, Mexico, the Virgin Islands, Romania, Germany, Sweden, England and Canada. Some of them made deep friends with local students. Stephan, the guitar player from Sweden came only for the fall semester. Pearl,



Shina, Miceo or Sid were here for the full 4 years.

This year at least six American students travelled abroad to study. Four went to England. Melissa Blair, Jen Halsall and all went to London to study communications at the American University. Randy Plitt was in Suderland, UK. Ramona Janson spent the fall in Gronningen, Nederlands and Diane Hutt spent an experimental fall in the Chiapas province of Mexico. All were overwhelmed by their experience and want to return. Studying abroad proved to be a life altering experience, for the better.



The 1996 Greece Tour are being photographed on the original "Mars Hill", Greece. From Left to right: Jerry Shelton, Chris Fox, Edith Whitt, Olga, Dr. Tom Sawyer (who organizes these tours) Karl Frody, Laura Boisvert-Boyd, Tonja Williamson, Matt Queen, Bryan Boyd, Jonathan Clark and Marcus Chavez.

Business

the way the world goes

The Business department went through a lot of change in 1998. We lost three teachers: Dr. Narron, Mr. Lawrence and Dr. Grose who are retiring. The Business department is at the heart of Dr. Lennon's improvements plans for Mars Hill. There was been an aura of expectations floating about all year. We were in a particularly good place to exemplify the link between academia and the "world of work". Internships and expanded curriculum toward computer science and communication put business majors at an advantage.



In Spring '98, Bobbie Williams taught a website class to a mix group of student and faculty. Computer science majors, graphic artist Renee Garcia, Fashion Merchandising faculty and business majors came together to contribute much needed improvements and additions to MHC websites.

The Business Honors Club had no problem finding 3.0 students this year again and moved from a somewhat understated department to a place where enthusiasm and leadership reigns.



Dr. Brenda Russell teaches an apparel merchandising class.





Bobbie Williams' Webmaster class is consulting on images to put up on our web page. Clockwise starting from the top: Becky Cody and Brenda Russel, Bobbie Williams, Renee Garcia, Ryan Cooke, Micheal Script, Elizabeth Luce and Travis Brown.

Tammy Phillips presents a project in Becki Cody's Interior Decorating class.



Hugh Watson, senior business major, is a success story of the business department. He is doing an internship at Blue Ridge Realty who sold him his first house! He is already a realtor, a landlord, the manager of a coffee shop, all in Mars Hill. Why wait for graduation...

The Business Honors Club's members are Ricardo Baena, Kelli Herndon, Kelly Castranova, Jimmy Yanulavich, Carla Helton (president), Amanda Sappenfield, Heather Alley and Joe Blair as faculty adviser.



We are so proud of you! Keep a song in your heart!
James 5:13b "Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs
of praise."

Tricia Lynne Littlefield



Congratulations, Jennifer.

With much love,
Mom, Dad, and Stephen

Jennifer Wyman

Congratulations Dan!
We're so proud of you.
Continue to be a blessing to
those around you.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Dan Mullinix



A favorite picture from '78,
Forever captured your form & concentration.
Sports always rated high on your slate,
not just as spectator, usually participation. Much
too soon, you *now* to graduate;
Sure to succeed in Recreation Administration!

(Matthew 3:17)

Mathew Schaller



Craig Bost

You've come a long way
Baby!! Now----get a job!!!

Seriously, we are very
proud of all your
accomplishments and wish
you much success in the
future.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kevin,
Nanee and Popsi

Our lives changed forever
on Christmas Day 1996.
She would be so very proud
of you.

I love you - Dad

Nicole Heller





Dear Chester,

We're so proud of you and love you very much!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Clint, Tiffany & Cody

Chester Ervin



It seems like only yesterday you were this little boy starting Kindergarten. Now you are all grown up and time for you to get a job.

Congratulations.

Love,

Mom, Dad & Jennifer

P.S. Uncle JJ I love you,

Christina

Roy J. Saylor



*Here you are, 5 years old,
eyes of blue, hair of gold,
full of life, full of zest,
always ready to face the test.*

*Time has flown, you're now grown,
ready to make the world your own.
We were proud of you there, we still are,
in our world you're a shining star.*

We love you, Mom and Dad

Sarah Simmons



"You began by climbing trees. Now you're climbing the ladder of success. We're very proud of you." CONGRATULATIONS!!

Ryan Clerico

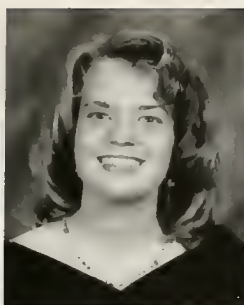
Dad & Mom



Amy Parker, Nathan Caparolie and many other seniors are completing their last Humanities requirement in the E.S.T. class.

Jen Wyman is sporting a cowboy hat as part of The Good, The Bad and The Ugly theme for her sorority's homecoming activity.





Vollie Barnwell
 Lanese Belschner
 Craig Bost
 Jane Bradsher
 Matilda Brewer
 Kelli Brown



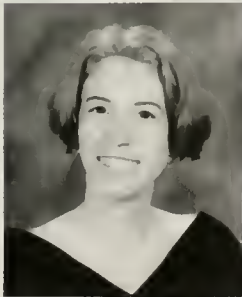
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Charles Crane
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 Jennifer Doby
 Kris Dotson
 Nicole Eller
 Chester Ervin



Sherry Fender
 Mitzi Fulbright
 Kristofer Geddie
 Jennifer Gilbert
 Dawn Green
 Erica Griffith



Holly Gruntman
 Cory Hall
 Diana Hall
 Wendy Haneline
 Amanda Hardin
 Missy Harris

Aaron Hawkins
Michael Hawkins
Jennifer Head
Carla Helton
Kara Hensley
Amanda Hill



Ben Hoecherl
Brittany Howard
Heather Hughes
Scott Hughey
Akira Ito
Brandy Liddy



Tiffany Linebaugh
Tricia Littlefield
Kim Martin
Brian Matlock
Cindy Maxwell
Kerri McNaughton

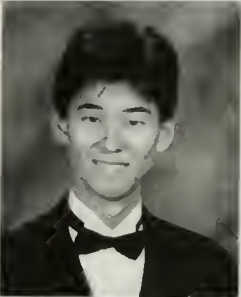


Erin Miller
Joel Moffet
Freda Morgan
Daniel Mullinix
Gail Norton
Brian O'Donnell



Amy Parker
Kristie Parker
Jennifer Paul
Amy Payne
Kelly Payne
James Perdue





Collin Ditty is clogging away.

The *Standing Room Only* troupe is rehearsing one of their showtune routine.





Ginger Wilkins and
Vollie Barnwell are part
of the Homecoming
parade as the senior class
representatives...

and so are Sarah
Simmons and Patrick
Spence.

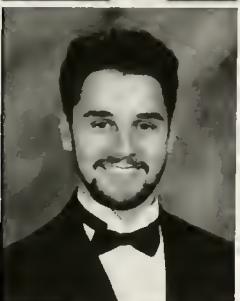




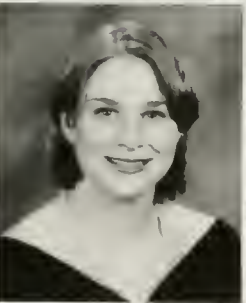
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Terra Pittman
Sarah Ramirez
Samantha Rhodes
Steve Rouse



Jason Saylor
Matt Schaller
Alison Shannonhouse
Michael Shea Sr.
Sarah Simmons
Amy Slusher



Susan Sneed
Patrick Spence
Tiffany Stork
Steve Sullivan
Pui Yi Sun
Christy Toncray



Tikisha Walwyn
Hugh Watson
Cheryl Webb
Shelby Wilder
Ginger Wilkins
Jennifer Wyman



Mary Lou Yelton
Michio Yoshida



Kelly Evans and Lindsay Varnadoe are having fun at the Homecoming game.

Rashan Kearney and Sam Reese are showing support for the Lions.





Rhonda Adams
Brian Alexander
Amanda Ball
Robin Bates
Michelle Baxley
Deanna Bentley
Sara Boucakis



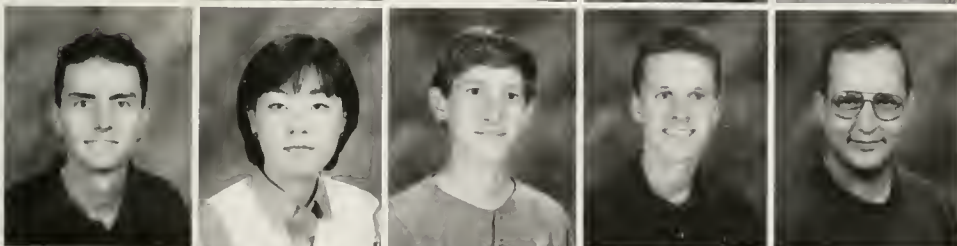
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Lisa Couch
Jamie Davidson
Colin Ditty



Krissy Emeola
Kelly Evans
Walt Fletcher
Danny Fusco
Marty Gilbert
Melissa Greene
Kevin Griffen



Kelly Grooms
Crystal Gunter
Ryan Habich
Sam Hooper
Danna Hughes
Miena Huneycutt
Nathan Ingle



Joseph Jenkins
Benji Keisler
Troy Killian
Hiroko Kitahara
Courtney Knapton
Allen Laws
Howell Ledford



Aimee Leenhouts
Nick Lindsey
Daphne Lisenbee
Mandy Luke
Kim Mason
Greg Melikian
Amanda Metcalf

Mandi Morgan
 Craig Morrison
 Stephen Myers
 Jill Nelson
 Candi Pittillo
 Shannon Powell
 Amanda Pressley
 Eli Quirino



Roslyn Reed
 Cheryl Renfro
 Ryan Risk
 Trevor Ross
 Kari Russell
 Veronica Sapek
 Amanda Sappenfield
 Kumiko Shimokado



Chad Sigler
 Megan Sosebee
 Johnny Spillman Jr.
 Amanda Starcher
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 Emily Van Dyke
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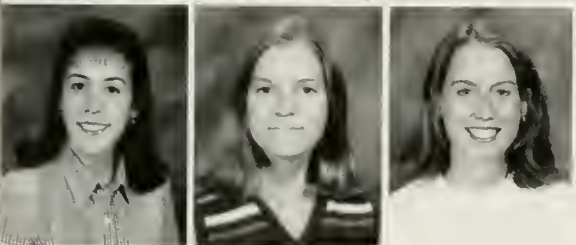


Jay Lurie concentrates on
 the conversation during a
 study group.



The grass in front of Wall and Renfro is the
 perfect place to enjoy good weather.





Craig Morrison does some serious dancing at an FCA evening.

Mandy Luke and Nathan Caparolie entertain a group with a little singing.



Tim Lynch, Tatiana Simon
Chad Dula chat with
Brandon Jones at the
bondfire.



Thebest thing about the
cafe is not the food , it's
the chance to be with your
friends.

Eric Smith , this year's
Hilltop editor, still
manages to find time to
study.





Brian Bailey
Jennifer Bailey
Angela Barkley
Resa Barnwell
Nancy Beutler
Leslie Boone
Rexann Bradburn



Kevin Brooks
Joshua Burns
Barbie Byrd
Nathan Caparolie
Mark Clifford
Cynthia Codrington
Heather Coker



Justin Combs
Adrien Cooper
Evelyn Craig
Arlene Daley
Amy DeHart
Bree DeLoache
Jessa Decker



Gary Duvall
Caroline Emanuel
Jennifer Flint
Michael Fox
Jennifer Freeze
Shina Fukui
Chris Fuller



Meraldo Gonzales
Misty Green
Michael Grove
Holly Harwood
Keith Hatcher
Jennifer Hendrix
Philip Heppding



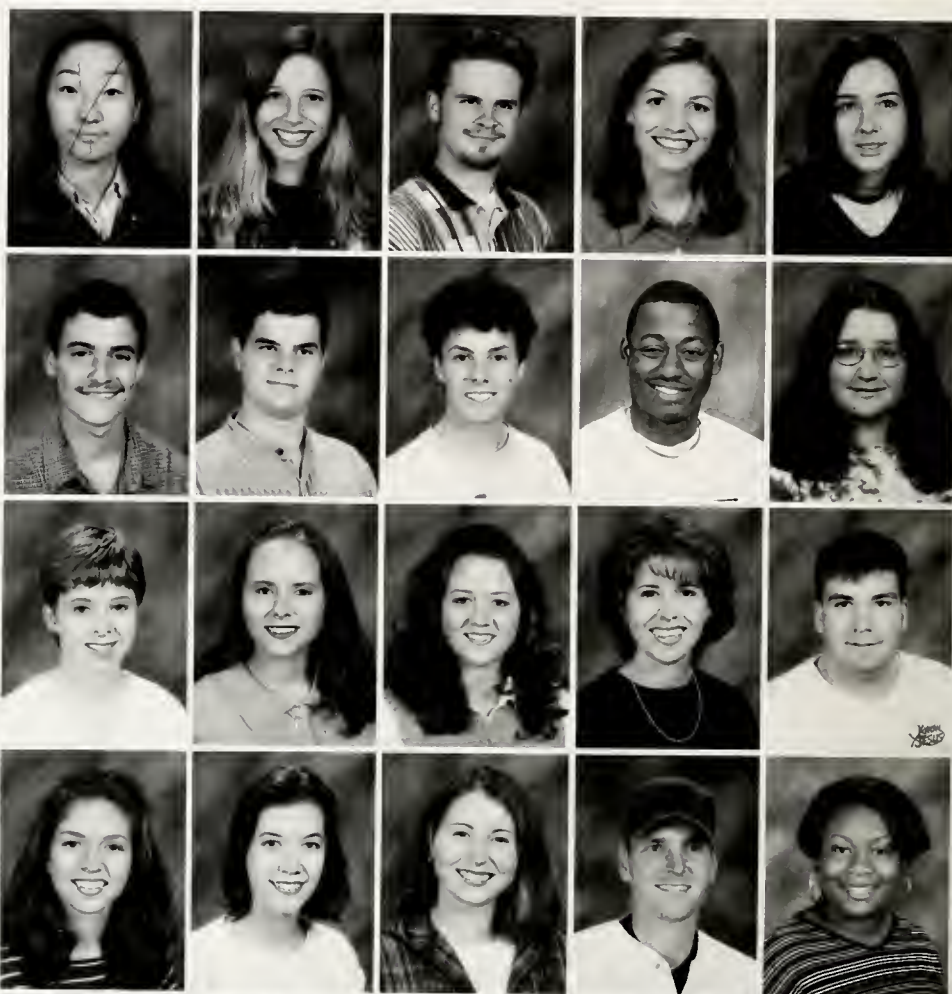
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Beth Honeycutt
Jamie Howard
Eric Jaeger
Jason Jones
Shannon Jones
Jeremy Jordan

Mayu Kikuchi
Gypsie Kimbrough
Matt Koziuk
Amy LeQuire
Stephanie Lorrant
Mircea Matei
Kelli Mathews
Melanie Mintz

Thomas Miritello
Ryan Montague
Gregory Murphy
Maurice Myers
Amy Nesbitt
Asuka Ogawa
Gina Pickeral
Christie Ramsey

Kellie Ramsey
Kristie Reynolds
Courtnei Scott
Tessa Shelton
Michael Shore
Amy Silver
Shelby Sorrells
Beth Sutton

Amanda Thien
Felishia Tonkin
Lindsay Varnadoe
David Waddell
Patricia Williams



The volleyball team takes some time off to watch a soccer game.

FCA members are not afraid of making fools of themselves for the sake of a good time.



The bonfire is a good opportunity to relax with friends



Jeff VanStevens is taking a break for our photographer while working out.



Jennifer Simmons blows out the stress of the day with chewing gum.

Joe Templar, a British student, is enjoying a cold football game, American style.





Micheal Adams
 Becky Allen
 Leigh Anderson
 Jennifer Arnette
 Guerline Baptiste
 Melissa Bartlett
 Aundrea Beaudrot



Nancy Becker
 Karl Benz
 Amy Black
 Tracy Blackburn
 Tim Bridgers
 Nicole Brown
 Brandon Bryant



Suzanne Bullock
 Amelia Burnette
 Laura Campbell
 Ricardo Carias
 Nikki Champion
 Brandi Chandler
 Kathy Childs



Brianne Clemons
 Jason Coleman
 Rachel Cordell
 Justin Cracroft
 Mike DeMarrow
 Brett DeOrio
 Kristen Dekle



David Delgado
 Juan Dendtler
 Brad Dunn
 Keith Gerhard
 Hope Granade
 Reed Hanks
 Eva Hartman



Mary Herbert
 Selena Hilemon
 William Hoke
 Niccole Holcomb
 Kerry Holt
 Luke Johnson
 Jon Kalleberg

Brian Knickerbocker
Shannon Kominowski
Casey Kruk
Elizabeth Luce
Nozomi Makiguchi
Allison Matthews
Candace McElreath
Carrie McLean



Anna Miller
Misty Mitchell
Edo Mlatac
Tommy Mosca
Christy Nicholson
Katie O'Neil
Anna Odum
Amy Panikowski



Jaime Parham
Chrissy Parker
Danny Peck
Eydie Pittman
Jennifer Pyatte
Mitch Radford
Tim Reed
Matthew Reid



Jonathan Robinson
Misty Robinson
Luis Rodriguez
Stuart Segall
Katrina Silvers
Tatyana Simon
Fedrico Smith
Andrea Stafford

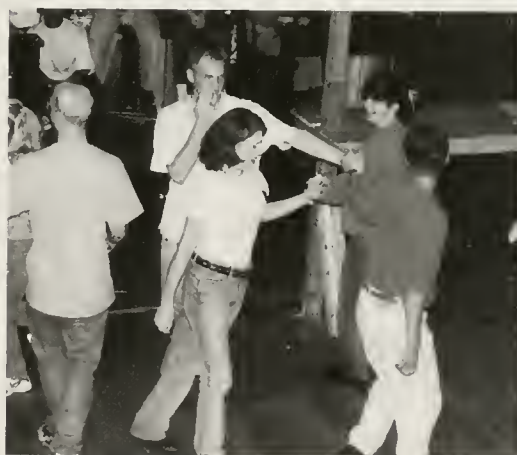
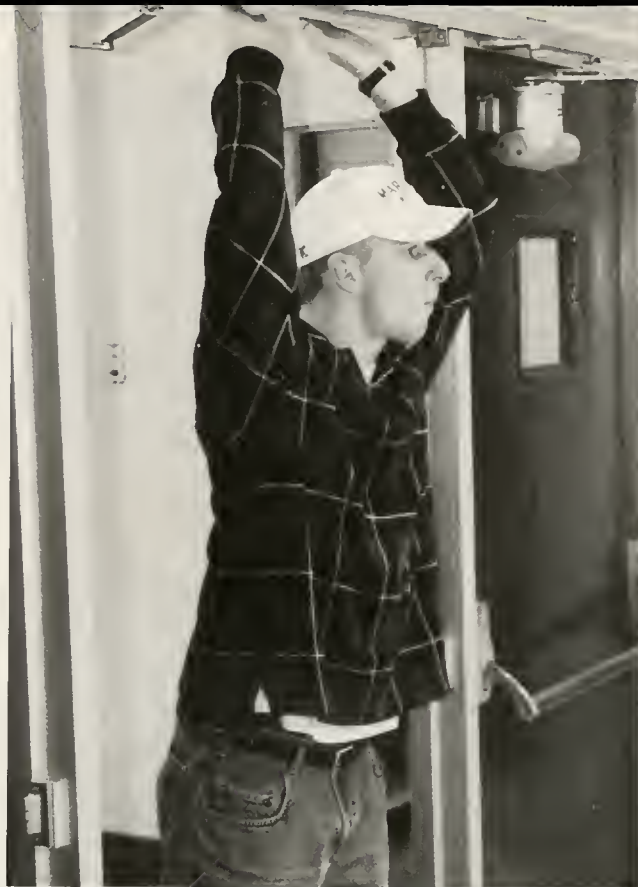


Amanda Stroup
Amy Taylor
Whitney Taylor
Joe Templer
Tara Thomas
Reisha Tounzen
Heather Tourtellotte
LeVar Twitty



Clay Vassey
Gregg Webb
Tommy Williams
Akiko Yamagata
Mark Yarborough
Kevin Yates





Colin Ditty, Jodie Norris, Jay Ledford and Amy Slusher are square dancing in the Loft.

Brad Dunn stretches during a basket ball game

Rachel Cordell is picking up her GE 111 material.



Guest director Bill Martin, Mr. Steve Chicurel (theater), Dr. Liz Michel (Communications), and Mr. John Oertling are all decked out for the christmas concert.



The music department is the largest faculty group on campus. From the top: Dr. Joel Reed (Head), Mrs. Donna Robertson, Ms. Robin Garner, Mr. Gary Spence, Dr. Cathy Adkins, Dr. Jim Sparrow, Mr. Steve Chicurel, Mrs. Jane Baumer, Dr. Julie Fortney, Mrs. Cinthia Perkins, Dr. Doug Gordon and Mr. Thomas Coppola. Mrs Roberston retired at the end of the spring semester after 40 years of teaching piano and organ.

Dr. William Hutt, Dr. JoAnn Croom, Dr. Frank Quick and Dr. Scott Pearson are the guiding lights of the biology department.



A Special Faculty



Dr. Cary (art), Dr. Betty Powell (english), Mr. Robert Kramer (german), Dr. Noel Kinnamon (english), Dr. Tom Sawyer (religion) and Dr. Barry Jones (religion) meet as part of the School of Art and Science.



Ms. Becki Cody (fashion & merchandizing), Mr. Walt Tuner (computer science), Mrs. Brenda Russell (fashion & merchandizing), Dr. Gordon Roberts (math), Mr. Harry Hugues (math), Dr. Manske (chemistry), Dr. Don Russel (math), Ms. Sarah Hensley (math), Dr. Bruce Branan (chemistry) and Dr. Susan Kiser (computer science) share the Wall Science Building.

Dr. Kathy Meacham and Dr. Tracy Campbell are focusing on the business at hand during a committee meeting.



The Passing of an Era

This year the Business Department is saying goodbye to four of its seven faculty. Dr. Barbara Pendelton, Dr. Jack Grose, Mr. Clyde Lawrence and Mr. Charlie Narron have all retired at the end of the spring semester. With their retiring, it is the passing of an era that we are saluting. The new Business School takes its first steps this fall '98 with Grainger Caudle at the head, supported by Joe Blair, Bobbie Nicholson and Liz Michel.

Dr. Jack Grose has touched many students in his 33 years at MHC. Alumni are grateful for his rigorous teaching and his professional code of conduct. Dr. Grose gave them the tools to face the business world.

Mr. Narron is remembered fondly by his accounting

students over the last 40 years, for his vast knowledge of his field, his insistence on teaching accounting beyond the basics, his surprising humor, and for the dreaded "Corporate Finance Paper" which punctuates the final senior course.

Dr. Pendelton was a refreshing feminine presence in this environment. Her knowledge of marketing was enhanced by her natural understanding of people and esthetics, and how it can all work together to advantage.

Marketing is the human component of business and she brought special dedication in her teaching in raising her student's sensitivity to people, pushing marketing and business ethics beyond statistics and protocol.

Many students have enjoyed Mr. Lawrence, how available and how personable he is. Anecdotes of his years working for the IRS, enliven his classes and helped students relate the academic exercises to the demands of the work place.

Thank you for the wonderful years you gave us. We appreciated you, for you have touched so many lives.

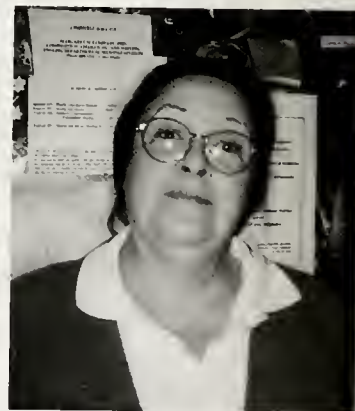


The business department gathers for a photograph in Marshbanks. From the top: Mr. Clyde Lawrence, Dr. Jack Grose, Mr. Joe Blair, Dr. Grainger Caudle, Dr. Barbara Pendelton, Mr. Charlie Narron and Ms. Bobbie Nicholson.



Dr. Verhurst brings her students out as often as possible, to stimulate their creativity, and just to make class seem less like work, more like fun.

Dr. Verhurst with her last creative writing class in the spring of '98.



A long time favorite is leaving: Dr.V is retiring.

Dr. Margaret Verhurst is alive and well in Mars Hill, but don't look for her on the college grounds. One of the students favorite teacher over the years, she is known for her enthusiasm and her hunger for life. As an english and creative writing professor, she would track life in more and less academic texts and would have us recognize the life and the art in us, helping us refine our own language to express it. A lover of Dylan, Marilyn and Elvis she knew that art rocks, and that pop culture is the breeding ground of next century's "high culture". For many of us, she brought art close to home.

Keep on rockin' Dr.V!



The education department is now located on the top floor of the memorial library building. Mr. John Hough (chair), Mrs. Beverly Hough, Dr., Roland Doeppner, Mrs. Winona Bierbaum, Mrs. Carolyn Nave and Dr. Janet Bowman are the core of the department, along with one notable absent: Dr. Barbara Cary. John Hough retired in may after 26 years at MHC in the last 36 years. He spent 10 years as a primary school director, practicing what he'd been teaching for 22 years. Apparently it was an eye opener. From now on the teacher will give way to the grandfather!



The social and behavioral science faculty all share Founders Hall. Clock wise, starting fom the top : Dr. Walter Stroud (chair), Dr. Larry Stern (political science), Dr. David Coddington (psychology), Ms. Cherry Saenger (psychology), Ms. Beth Vogler (social work) and Dr. Tom Plaut (sociology). Notably absent are Ms. Julia Nooe (social work) and Dr. George Perry (political science).

A Special Faculty



Dr. Phyllis Smith (history), Ms. Annemarie Lesage (art), Dr. Jenkins (religion), Dr. David Knisley (history), Dr. Jim Lendburg (chair) and Dr. Hal McDonald (english) are attending a lecture given by Stan Dotson.

Ed Hoffmeyer



Admissions: Philip Lopp, Vesna Stajkovic, Peg Martin, Kari Rochez, Susan Bryson, Karen Hunter, Gwen Metcalf.



Student Development: Kim Schenkel, James Mullis, Robin Cole, Lemona Ledford, Nancy Harmon, Brenda Briggs, Dean Caldwell, Ellen Coomer, Craig Goforth.



David Johnson



Sylvia White



Athletic training was a popular interest of students.



Alan Shelley



Rick Baker



Ed Hodge



Christopher Crist

Special Faculty

It didn't take long for Russ Froman to get down and get busy around the MHC campus. The years of change have brought many good people to Mars Hill, but none so visible and having as much impact on student life as Russ Froman. His positive, energetic, personality always seemed to be in tune with the needs and the reality of a busy campus life. He volunteered when needed and even helped coach the softball team while the college searched for a coach. Surprisingly, Russ became the coach! The first year was great and his enthusiasm was contagious. We like it like that.

Go, Russ Go!



Russ Froman

Registrar's Office: Edith Whitt, Cathy Bridgers, Nancy Fossom.

Weight lifting is a popular leisure time activity as well as a PE activity. Chico Kemp regularly worked out with the free weights to maintain a good physique.

Team *Fitness* *Competitive* **BODY** *Practice* *Games* *Athletes* *Champions* *Win*

Strength, endurance, stamina, finesse. Sports team players as well as non-players participated in activities that demanded much from the body. Students were seen jogging and walking around the track or around the loop, lifting weights, or working out to stay physically fit. A healthy body contributed to a sharper mind and many students disciplined themselves to daily routines of exercise. Others had mandatory team practice sessions. Whatever the reason for physical activity, students realized the importance of the mind/body connection.



Senior volleyball player, Alison Shannonhouse and her parents celebrate a successful career during the last home game.



INTRAMURALS



Just for Fun



Dale Valente proves that big guys can jump.



Brian Johnson expresses the joy of the game.



Many students found it enjoyable to participate in intermursals.

Pat Piscitelli and Kelvin Jones wait for the rebound.

Gene Mullis looks for the pass from Jeremy Cochran.



A little care from the TLC squad.



A little TLC from the students.

On the watch during a football game.



ATHLETIC TRAINING

Vital Support

Although sport medicine really is an academic department, it often finds itself paired with the team sports because of its relationship to them. The Athletic Training program is as active as its faculty and students, and after four years at Mars Hill, Allen Shelley has seen a lot of improvement. Our program is now ATC certified, it is moving from the PE to the

Biology and Allied Health department, offering a Bachelor in Science. Its 1998 graduates have all found interesting internships for their 1500 hours clinical experience requirement, followed by good jobs, or have been accepted at the Master's degree. All 12 graduates are on their way to an exciting future.

CHEERLEADING

The original cheerleading squad perform stunts at Homecoming.



Football wouldn't be the same without cheerleaders moving and chanting, inspiring the fans.



Up and Away

"Go Lions!" Cheerleaders kept the spirit rising on campus throughout the year with creative moves and inspiring chants. In the annual SAC cheerleading competition the Mars Hill squad finished second with mascot Brandon Jones winning first place.

The squad had an usual year due to unexpected injuries which reduced the team from 13 members to only seven. Nevertheless, the seven remaining members maintained a positive approach to their work, continuing to keep the student body fired up at game time.



The cheerleading squad is entertaining the crowd at the homecoming. The original team was made of Tara Short (captain), Brandy Chandler, Heather Coker, Amber Guidotti, Candace McElreath, Kelly Mathews, Amanda Stroup who finished the season, as well as Ashley Connor, Kerry Holt, Kristie Reynolds, Jamie McGuire, Misty Robinson and Amanda Robinson who were on the starting squad.



Up, up, and away! The faithful remaining seven team members continued the tradition of quality performances.



Flying high means trusting the squad. Cheerleaders proved that they were a tight group as they performed awesome feats at half-time.

SCORES

MHC	OPPONENTS	
12	West Georgia	37
35	Concord	25
3	Catawba	37
28	Wingate	7
21	Newberry	17
44	Tusculum	17
20	Carson-Newman	31
14	Presbyterian	24
27	Lenoir-Rhyne	7
15	Gardner-Webb	25

5-5



Micheal Byrley and Anthony Boyd celebrate another touchdown.

"It's up and it's good!" Senior Craig Bost practices for the next field goal.

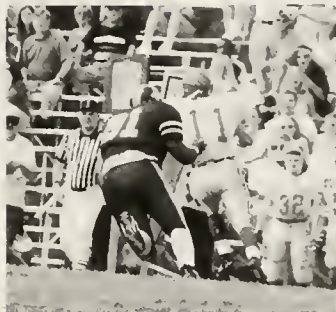


FOOTBALL

Trevor Ross looking for the pass.



Gianni Simms in pursuit of another sack.



Defense coming up big again.



For The Seniors

For the fourth consecutive season the Lions have gone with out a losing record. It is the first time that a senior class can leave Mars Hill with more wins than losses during their four years. Seniors contributed the bulk of the man power for the 1997 season. Captains Jamie Eudy and Kelvin Jones along with many other seniors helped build a program that the school can be proud of.

The Lions went 5-5 (3-4 in the SAC) and played one of the toughest schedules in the schools history. The Lions faced three top 10 teams in the nation and two conference champions. They recorded wins against Concord, Wingate, Newberry, Tusculum, and Lenoir- Rhyne College.



Anthony Boyd scrambles for a few of his total 852 yards.

"First Down!"



The Driving Force



Rod Sparks prepares to run over a defender.



The Offensive Line looks to the side line for the next play.



Mike Ramseur, Greg Melikian and Jamie Eudy offer protection for Anthony Boyd.

"Tails!" Captains Jamie Eudy and Kelvin Jones call the coin toss.



First Place champions
at the SAC tournament.

The teams like to give
thanks to God after a
good meet.



CROSS COUNTRY



First Ever SAC Championship Win

Men's Cross Country

The Spring season 1998 saw the Mars Hill Men win their first ever SAC Conference Championship. Along the way they finished first at five different meets. Captain and SAC 1st Team runner Brock Bailey along with fellow 1st team runner Brent Gaster lead the team with senior Eric Jaeger who was named Runner of the Year. Leading the team into the next season will be several experienced runners: Benji Keisler, Chris Bradley, Ryan Brigman and Adrien Cooper. Last Season the Men's Team was honored for the first time as an Academic All-American Team with Eric Jaeger taking individual honors.

Women's Cross Country

The Mars Hill Lady Lions are coming off their first ever SAC Championship and are looking to continue to build on that success. Again last season our ladies were honored as an Academic All-American Team and Jennifer Wiggins was named as an individual Academic All-American. The team is losing graduating seniors Kristie Parker and Mitzi Fulbright, both All-SAC performers. They are leaving behind a solid core of seasoned competitors: 1st team runner Jennifer Wiggins, 2nd team runner Liz Hill, as well as Heather Levering and Amanda Metcalf.

VOLLEYBALL

Alison Shannonhouse, this years MVP, ready for the bump.



Nicole Gilstrap congratulates Senior Alison Shannonhouse on a great year.



Alison Shannonhouse in action.



Tough to Beat

It was quite a season for the Mars Hill Volleyball team. This was seen by looking at their overall record of 25 - 8 and their Conference record of 10 - 4. These records prove that the Lady Lions finished third in the Conference and placed second in the SAC tournament. MVP for the season

was the only Senior player, Alison Shannonhouse. Alison was ranked nationally with 5.5 digs per game. Another outstanding player on the team was Nicole Silver. Nicole was named second team all conference player. This young team has proven a great asset to Mars Hill College Athletics.



Front: Alison Shannonhouse First Row: Nicole Gilstrap, Neely Strange, Brittney Wilkinson Second Row: Ryan Clerico, Kelly Sampson, Amy Brock, Lesley Bentzel, Nicole Silver, Jennifer Anderson Back Row: Misty Mitchell, Tara Thomas, Amy Smith, Nicole Holcomb, Tasha Painter, Leanne McCracken



Before the match the Lady Lions show their spirit in preparation for the match.

SCORES

MHC OPPONENTS

3	Lincoln Memorial	2
3	Tusculum	1
3	Montreat	0
3	Montreat	0
3	Lincoln Memorial	0
3	Carson-Newman	0
3	Concord	0
0	USC Aiken	3
3	Newberry	2
2	Presbyterian	3
3	N.C. Central	2
3	St. Augustine	1
3	Gardner-Webb	1
3	Lenoir-Rhyne	0
3	Carson-Newman	1
3	Wingate	0
3	Presbyterian	2
3	Catawba	1
3	Limestone	0
3	Anderson	1
3	Newberry	0
3	Lenoir-Rhyne	1
0	Gardner-Webb	3
1	Wingate	3
2	Catawba	3
3	Carson-Newman	0
0	Emory	3
3	Tusculum	1
3	Carson-Newman	2
3	Presbyterian	1
1	Gardner-Webb	3
3	Catawba	0
1	Gardner-Webb	3

25-8



Teamates congratulate each other before the next serve.




Jumping up for the spike Alison Shannonhouse prepares to score.



Golf: Bobby Anglin, Tom Tsika, Matt Messer, Joe Templer, Brian Johnson, Whitney Taylor, Don Franklin, Jeremy Pressley, Ola Karlsson

GOLF

Moving Up



The 97-98 golf season proved to be the best since the program was re-instated in 1992. Seniors Tom Tsika led the Lions with a 76 stroke average and four top ten finishes in the eleven tournaments played. Joe Templer, who finished the season with a 77 stroke average and who also had four top ten finishes, was the leader of a promising freshman class that included Matt Massar (a stroke average of 78.9), Ola Karlsson, Whitney Taylor and Josh Dodd.

The lions who finished the season with a 111-61 record got solid support all season from veterans Don Franklin a junior with a 78.2 stroke average, senior Brian Johnson and sophomore Bobby Anglin. The team found themselves in a

dog fight all season for an NCAA berth, but fell short as they finished seventh. the top six teams received Regional bids.

Coach Ed Hoffmeyer, who was named SAC Coach of the Year, is looking forward to continued improvement as the Lions look to move up in the conference standings next year. "With the players we have coming back, plus our incoming freshmen, we should be able to continue the progress we made this year. We were all disappointed in the way we played at the conference tournament, (seventh place finished) but hopefully that will motivate us to work harder for next season. This was just the beginning of our move up in Division II golf."

MEN'S SOCCER

Andy Thompson tries to rush in for a score.



Fighting for the control the opponent has no luck.



Ben Hoecherl fights to keep the ball from the other team.



SAC Champions

After a 2 - 4 start the Mars Hill Men's Soccer team finished the season at 14-6-1 including a SAC tournament championship. Ben Hoecherl made first team All-Conference, third team South Region, and Conference tourney MVP. John Hunter also make first team

All-Conference and all tourney team. Coach Crist quotes, "overall it was a great year and we believe if not for the slow start we feel we would have gotten a national bid."



Ben Hoecherl gains control over the opponent.



MVP Ben Hoecherl shows his abilities out on the field.

SCORES

MHC	OPPONENTS	
1	Kutztown	2
3	Davis & Elkins	2
1	Queens	3
1	USC Spartanburg	2
4	UNC Asheville	1
0	Wingate	2
4	Newberry	2
9	Anderson	0
4	Presbyterian	2
1	Catawba	2
5	Carson-Newman	0
4	Tusculum	2
1	Gardner-Webb	1
3	Florida Tech.	7
6	Rollins	2
8	Bluefield	1
3	Lenoir-Rhyne	1
5	Lees-Mcrae	1
2	Lenoir-Rhyne	0
5	Catawba	1
4	Wingate	1

14-6-1



Ben Hoecherl assisted by Kade Kawaguchi gains control of the ball.



John Hunter brings the ball down the field for a score.



Kade Kawaguchi tries to gain control of the ball.

Sophomore Elizabeth Hill works against some aggressive opponents as she looks to pass the ball to a teammate.

Goalkeeper Faith Bynum plays tough defense and prevents the opponent's from scoring.



SCORES

MHC

OPPONENTS

2	Pfeiffer	1
2	ETSU	0
0	Gardner-Webb	4
4	Montreat	0
2	Newberry	0
8	Alabama-Huntsville	1
2	Presbyterian	1
3	Carson-Newman	1
1	Catawba	0
5	USC Aiken	0
2	Univ. N. Alabama	0
4	King	0
4	Wingate	1
1	Tusculum	0
3	Lenoir-Rhyne	4
3	Wingate	1
1	Catawba	4

14-3-0



Timeouts provide a much needed break for the team as they discuss strategies for winning.

Sophomore Kelly Gutmann gets the ball in play. Kelly led the team in assists with 10 for the year.



WOMEN'S SOCCER

Coach David Bennett goes over game plans with players during a timeout. Coach Bennett received Coach of the Year honors in the South Atlantic Conference.



Team MVP Kelly Gutmann works to gain control of the ball.



Freshman Andrea Stafford winds her way through several opposing players in an attempt to score.



A Big Season

Ranked third in the region for most of the season the Lady Lion Soccer Team finished the year with a successful 14-3-0 record and accomplished more than any other soccer team in the school's history. Scoring 47 goals while allowing only 18

opponent goals, the team's intensity paid off. Natasha Sanders led the team in scoring with 13 goals, Kelly Gutmann led the team in assists with 10, and freshmen goalkeeper Faith Bynum set school records for goals against average and most shutouts.



Women's Soccer Team: Front Row-Jennifer Simmons, Beth Wyman, Shannon Kominowski, Nicole Perhac, Faith Bynum, Christon Milligan, Llanie Ranzer, Elizabeth Hill, Kelly Gutmann, Back Row-Wes Parker-Student Trainer, Nathasha Sanders, Eva Hartman, Tammy Simpson, Andrea Stafford, Leah Pinckney, Carrie Hartmann, Diane Paleno, Rosie Dyer-Manager, David Bennett-Coach.

BASKETBALL



Into the Spot Light

The Lions opened the 1997-98 campaign on a promising note, winning four of their first five contests. Hosting the SAC tournament Mars Hill was hoping to follow their outstanding percentage of wins at home. Mars Hill had a very balance attack over the course of the season and saw several players step into the spot light and take up the slack when other players were struggling. This was evident by Mars

Hill's four different players of the week. These honors were received by junior forward Kevin Whitt, junior guard Garrion Jackson, senior wing Wes Conner, and finally senior guard Sean Rumpfelt. Two other players also had a crucial impact on Mars Hill this season as well. They are center Andrew Brown and wing Ali Cowan. With their overall winning record the Lions turned out with a great season.



Men's Basketball players: Front: Kevin Whitt, Ronnie Cutshall, Edo Mlatac, Matt Gissing, Kweillin Gordon, Andrew Brown, Ali Cowan Second: Phillip Hepding, David Delgado Back: Thomas Heard, Wes Conner, Chris Greene, Sean Rumpfelt, Garrion Jackson

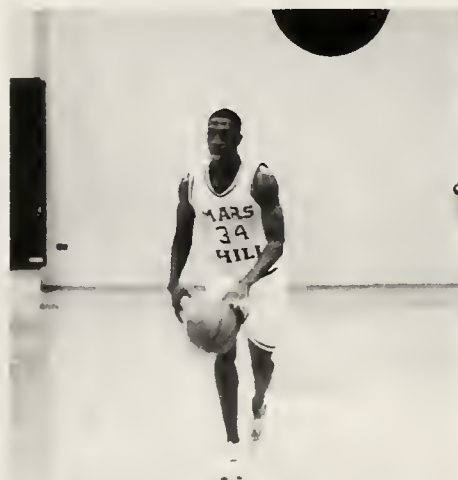


MHC

OPPONENTS

76	Lander	79
113	Tusculum	80
82	Montreat	74
62	Lander	54
68	Gardner-Webb	61
87	Tusculum	98
65	Limestone	59
104	St. Andrews	107
82	Johnson C. Smith	88
96	Montreat	56
82	Carson-Newman	74
67	Catawba	68
63	Presbyterian	73
70	Wingate	67
95	Limestone	71
72	Newberry	78
69	Lenoir-Rhyne	81
91	Anderson	79
79	Gardner-Webb	78
65	Carson-Newman	87
82	Catawba	80
75	Presbyterian	71
87	Wingate	78
82	Anderson	74
80	Newberry	81
75	Lenoir-Rhyne	66
64	Carson-Newman	100

16-11



Ali Cowan jumps up to gain control of the ball at the start of the game.

Ali Cowan brings the ball down the court for a pass and a score.

Kim Mason breaks against the defense. Jamie Pressley goes up for the score.



SCORES

MHC	OPPONENTS
78	ETSU 95
62	USC Spartanburg 74
83	Montreat 62
77	Lees-Mcae 50
72	Western Carolina 79
86	Limestone 57
83	Pfeiffer 71
73	Virginia Union 96
65	High Point 71
70	Gardner-Webb 59
78	Union 72
60	Florida Southern 76
68	Carson-Newman 61
77	Catawba 80
77	Presbyterian 67
78	Wingate 85
88	Newberry 66
69	Lenoir-Rhyne 35
104	Limestone 40
88	Gardner-Webb 73
69	Carson-Newman 78
71	Catawba 72
68	Presbyterian 81
101	Wingate 90
81	Newberry 74
88	Lenoir-Rhyne 66
76	Wingate 93

15-12



Ranking third on the team. Wendy Haneline makes another basket.

Support from the bench was a great way to keep players going.

Women's BASKETBALL



On The Rebound

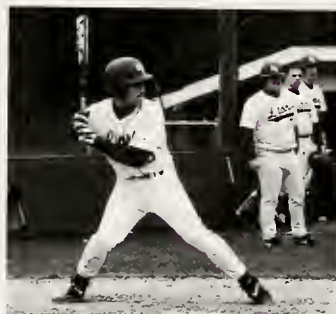
The Lady Lions had an up and down season but still finished with a winning record. The Lady Lions were led all season by All-SAC performer senior forward, Terra Pittman. Pittman ranked third in the league in scoring and second in field goal percentage. Following Pittman is senior center Leslie Cox. She was one of the most consistent players for Mars Hill all season. Senior forward Wendy Haneline was third on the team in scoring and ranked fifth

of the SAC's statistical categories. Junior guard Sara Wilson set a new school record this season for the most three-pointers hit in a single game with eight against Gardner-Webb. At the point position, Alison Shannonhouse did an excellent job of running the floor for the Lady Lions. The team ranked first in the SAC in scoring and three-point field goal percentage and second in field goal percentage and steals. Mars Hill was well represented at the SAC tournament.



Lady Lion Basketball: Front: Leslie Cox First: Janlynn Miller, Brandy Harwood, Angela King, Alison Shannonhouse, Wendy Haneline, Amy Small, Terra Pittman, Kim Mason, Jamie Pressley Second: Sara Wilson, Niccole Holcomb, Shannon Davis, Tara Thomas, Misty Capps

BASEBALL



A Team of Gentlemen

The baseball team didn't take as many wins as they would have liked but they gained a lot of respect all around the conference. The fair play and the gentlemanly conduct of the players have been noticed by many, including a hotel manager during a tournament in Savannah, and a veteran umpire who took the time to call coach Hodge and Baker to compliment

them on the level of professionalism of the team. The MVP for the Spring season was Adrian Clark, short stop. The Freshman of the year was Nick Lingerfelt, and special mention for the "most valuable assistant coach: Rick Baker. Coach Hodge was particularly proud of his seniors: Mike Kimsey, Jeff Goard, Sam Hooper, Chuck Vines and Patrick Hensley. Good work, guys, thanks for never giving up!



MHC Baseball: Not in order: C.J. Wilson, Keith Hatcher, Adrian Clark, Jeff Goard, Mark Ward, Micheal Kimsey, Mitch Radford, Jason Corn, Nick Lingerfelt, Tennyson Rucker, Eli Quirino, Jon Wilson, Dennis Brank, Brad Dunn, Jeremy Wist, Jesse Keenan, Ryan Rector, Patrick Ensley, Sammy Hooper, Rick Coeburn, Chuck Vines



The team gathers for some advice from the coach.

SCORES

MHC	OPPONENTS	
5	Benedict	6
9	Edward Waters	3
3	Savannah State	4
4	Belmont - Abby	5
2	Belmont - Abby	3
6	Milligan	12
9	Erskine	14
7	Southern Wesleyan	2
16	Southern Wesleyan	8
2	USC Spartanburg	4
2	Wingate	0
2	Wingate	15
13	Wingate	15

4-9-0



Freshman Nick Lingerfelt with 20+ RBI stands ready for the bunt.

First baseman Nick Lingerfelt hit over .360 this year.



A little coaching on the mound.

SCORES

MHC	OPPONENTS	
1	USC Spartanburg	8
0	USC Spartanburg	4
4	Tusculum	5
7	Tusculum	8
0	Carson-Newman	10
0	Carson-Newman	11
0	Lees-Mcrae	3
2	Lees-Mcrae	3
0	Wingate	8
1	Wingate	2
0	Lenoir-Rhyne	12
1	Lenoir-Rhyne	5
7	Montreat	5
10	Montreat	1
6	Gardner-Webb	5
3	Gardner-Webb	4
12	Newberry	2
0	Newberry	4
0	Presbyterian	7
0	Presbyterian	9
1	Lees-Mcrae	4
2	Lees-Mcrae	3
2	Catawba	6
1	Catawba	3
1	Montreat	2
6	Montreat	4
3	Carson-Newman	4
1	Gardner-Webb	2

5-23



Team members sit back and enjoy the game.

Sara Baucakis steps up to the plate.



SOFTBALL

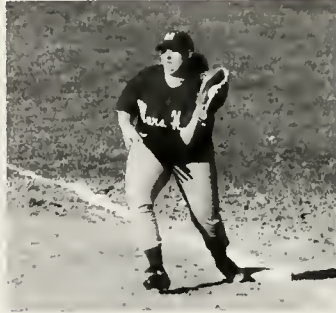
Sherri Estep throws in the pitch.



Ann-Marie Grunder waits for the next pitch..



Michelle Lindsay catches the throw for an out.



A New Beginning

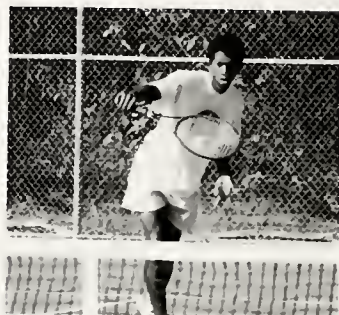
The Lady Lions softball program began the season under new head coach Russ Froman. Froman began the year as a volunteer assistant for the baseball team and overtook the softball duties after Christmas break. It took a while for Froman to get his system in place. In the first half of the season, Mars Hill lost their 12 first games. In the last half, after Froman and his team started to gel, they won four of the six contests. Eventually the hitters came alive and the

Lady lions have three players hitting at least .311. Freshman Sherri Estep leads the pitchers, recording three of the Lady Lions four wins. Junior shortstop Amy Windham, a 2nd All-SAC selection in 1997, has led the Lady Lions again this season. Mars Hill has not lost a single player to graduation this Spring, and with some additional talent, they should make considerable improvements by next season.



MHC Softball: Front: Trainer: T. Mitchell, B. Allen, L. Steele, S. Weimer, K. Matthews, S. Bucakis, K. Castranover, A. Grunder, L. Ranzer Back: Manager: V. Barnwell, S. Estep, M. Lindsay, A. Windom, M. Cunningham, N. Becker, L. Warner, Trainer: E.J. Slovak Coach Russ Froman

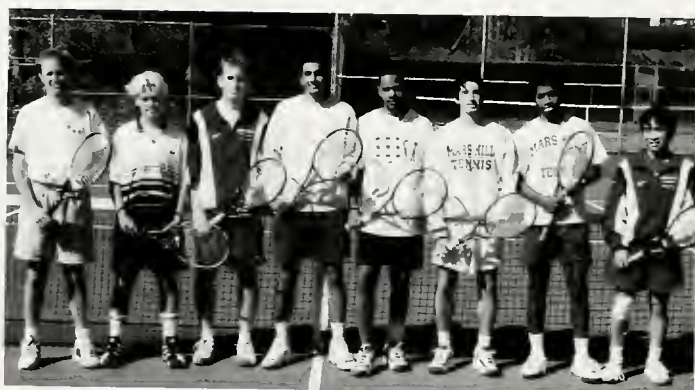
TENNIS



Continued Focus

The 1998 tennis season has been somewhat impaired by unforeseen last minute changes to the teams, but under the circumstances, the teams performed as well as they could. The weather may have won more matches than the tennis teams, so many tournaments were rained out.

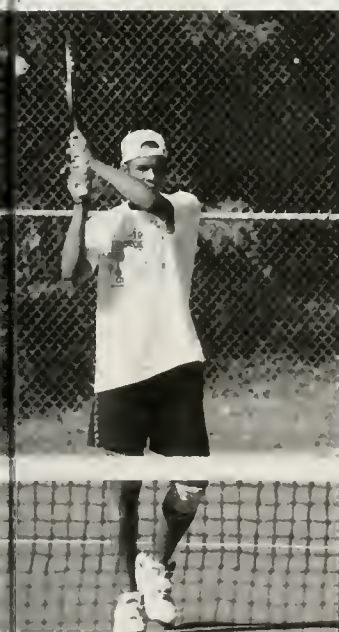
Nevertheless, some of our players received the honor of being "all conference players", Barbara Soto for the women, Mircea Matei and Jean Francois Danican for the men. Jean Francois was also named "All Conference Player of the Year".



Men's Tennis: Coach David Johnson, Mircea Matei, Per Anders Lygdman, Sid Narashimhan, Jean Francois Danican, Ricardo Baeno, Mario St. Clair Canaii, Michio Yoshida. Tennis at MHC is an international affair.



Womens Tennis: Front: Mariadela Perez-Albela, Barbara Soto, Meagan Sosebee, Teresa Coleman Back: Coach Johnson, Kelli Herdon, Deanna Bentley, Christy Toncray



Jean Francois Danican is Mars Hill's number one player.

Mariadela Perez-Albela swings at the ball.

"Tennis anyone?"

The Student Union Board creates buttons for Homecoming as a way of raising student spirit. The board organized all Homecoming activities for the campus.

Celebrate *Growth* *Service* *Fun* **Soul** *Creative* *Social* *Fellowship* *Together*

The soul of the campus had many faces and rhythms. That which made MHC so MHC, its essence, was experienced in the classroom, in the stands, on the playing field, on the court, on the quad, in chapel, and in the dorms. Soul was a sound, a sight, an activity, a way of being, a way of doing. Organizations played a major role in fleshing out the campus soul. Serving the campus community and the town community, raising school spirit and raising funds for worthwhile causes, groups provided opportunities for student involvement and socializing.



Foreign exchange student Mariadela Perez-Albela entertains friends with her guitar. Students enjoyed music and fellowship at the post game bonfire. Bonfires were a new MHC tradition.



Why Get Involved??

There is a wide diversity of student organizations at Mars Hill through which students can find personal, social, professional and education fulfillment. But why do students choose to get involved? Is it to...help others, work, travel, learn about others or just to have fun? It was a little of all of these and more. Whether it's for growth, fellowship, service or fun students knew the best way to experience MHC was to get involved.





Inter-Greek Council

I.G.C. is the governing body of the greek organizations on campus. The council consists of two representatives from each organization and an executive council. The Inter-Greek Council is in charge of the Greek Banquet and Open Rush. This year I.G.C. recognized a new fraternity and did away with defferred rush, allowing freshmen to rush in the fall.



I.G.C meetings are held in Belk every other Monday and is open to any Greek member.





Dela Zeta, national sorority was formed on Mars Hill's campus on April 8, 1993. Delta Zeta helps with campus and community life. The sorority has a large group of active sisters who work hard and have fun at the same time. They all have formed strong bonds that will last a lifetime.

Sisters and friends. Delta Zeta sisters enjoy a basketball game.



Front: Amanda Pressley, Christon Milligan, Melanie McKinney, Monica Rice, Jamie McGuire, Jennifer Wiggins, Tara Short, Kelly Cueman Second: Casia Belk, Mysti Shuford, Nichole Gilstrap, Misty Green, Katherine Lipsey, Kathy Ennis Back: Tracy Vance, Jennifer Hendrix, DeAnn Hawkins, Shelby Sorrells, Michalyn Traywick, Jamie Howard, Kim Fender, Megan Sosebee

Σ A Χ

"Living For Each Other"

Sigma Alpha Chi service/social sorority was founded in 1965, the oldest greek organization on Mars Hill College Campus. This year Sigma participated in many service and social activities including the "Kid's Kingdom" project. The sorority is a diverse group of girls with many different majors and backgrounds. Sigma prides itself on their sisterhood and friendship.

Sigma Alpha Chi helped to build a playground for "Kids Kingdom" in Asheville. The group purchased t-shirts to remind them of their effort.



New Sisters! Megan Hall, Jodie Norris, Rachel Cordell, Angela Barkley, Danielle Shrider, Jessica Nadal, Chris Buckner



Sigma Alpha Chi: Front Row: Leslie Boone, Carol Layne Second: Katie Sparrow, Shannon Price, Jamey Cook, Lanese Belschner, Joni Sanders, Melanie Barnett, Jennifer Wyman Back: Melissa Blair Gosling, Kelly Towe, Jennifer Halsall, Kristie Parker



ΘΧ

Theta Chi was founded in 1856 and found its way to Mars Hill in 1992. Theta Chi is a social service fraternity, working in part with Habitat for Humanity. They are a diverse group of gentlemen who excel in athletics, academics, and service.



Sigma sisters Katie Sparrow and Leslie Boone and Theta Chi brothers Whitney Taylor and Greg Melikian pause for pictures at the formal.

Theta Chi brothers show that strength is in numbers at Gamma's first annual Belly Flop Contest.

ΔΦΖ



"The Phi's have it!"
Delta Phi Zeta sisters
show their spirit at
homecoming.

ZxΘ



Zeta Chi Theta brother and
Greek God 1998, Matt
Richardson .



Zeta brother Matthew
Littleton lounges.

Just one of many Zeta's,
Joshua Moore aka
"Butch".

IXA

The sisters of Iota Chi Alpha get messy with a shaving cream fight.



IXA, TNL, NBS and FCA team up to create a prize winning homecoming float.



Iota Chi Alpha: Cheryl Renfro, Candi Pattillo, Jo Dee Childers, Julie Beddingfield, Rebekah Mains, Danna Hughes, Kristy Judkins, Tricia Littlefield, Courtney Weiland, Shana Rhoton

ΛΧΟ



Lambda brothers and little sisters together for their homecoming float.

LXE

Gamma Chi Epsilon would like to be remembered this year for their 10th birthday. Their quote for the year is "Birds of a Feather Flock Together" this follows along with their mascot, the peacock.

The Gamma girls planned and participated in many service and social activities this year.

The Gamma girls join in the "Jamaican Me Crazy" social with the guys of Delta Kappa Theta.



Gamma sisters enjoy the big brother social during rush week.

Gamma Chi Epsilon: Front Row: Whitney Davis, Sarah Simmons, Courtnei Scott, Tara Williams. Second Row: Gina Pickeral, Lindsay Varnadoe, Allison Shannonhouse, Beth Wyman, Tiffany Linebaugh. Back Row: Tessa Shelton, Kelly Evans, Amanda Thine, Carrie Sallee.





"Delta Kappa Theta stands for integrity and pride as it serves not only Mars Hill College but the entire Mars Hill community as well." Their dedication to service is seen in their Blood Drives, annual Hoops for Hopes and other community service projects. Delta Kappa Theta also participates in many social activities on campus. This year Delta Kappa Theta brother Steve Rouse was picked as the Homecoming King.



Delta Kappa Theta: Front Row: Jay Perdue, Adam Turem, Maurice Myers, Brian Matlock. Second Row: Andy Henderson, Tim Dare, Ryan Clerico, Tommy Hensley. Third Row: Amy LeQuire (Rose Queen), Patrick Spence, Steve Rouse, Jonathan Brandon, Shane Rector. Back Row: Erik Crouch, Marty Gilbert, Steve Sullivan.



Brian Matlock, 1996 Homecoming King and also a brother of Delta Kappa Theta awards his brother Steve Rouse with the honor of Homecoming King.



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Student Government Association

Officers for S.G.A are elected by the student body, this is how the students govern themselves and have a voice in the management of the college. This year S.G.A helped change the visitation policy, hosted the Spring Formal and now includes representatives from all campus organizations.



S.G.A. Jennifer Wiggins, Danny Fusco, Sarah Simmons, Mady Luke, Dan Mullinix, Kerri McNaughton, Tricia Littlefield, Nichole Gilstrap, Walter Fletcher, Tommy Hornick, Emily VanDyke, Elliot Johns, William Holk, Reed Hanks, Erica Griffith, Eric Jaegar, Adam Nelson, Elizabeth Hill, Jennifer Arnette, Amelia Burnette, Rachel Davis, Chad Sigler, Patti Parker, Maurice Myers, Jeremy Pressley, Sergey Kireyev, Justin Combs, Amanda Pressley



Bonfire. Many new activities started by the Student Union Board.

Student Union Board

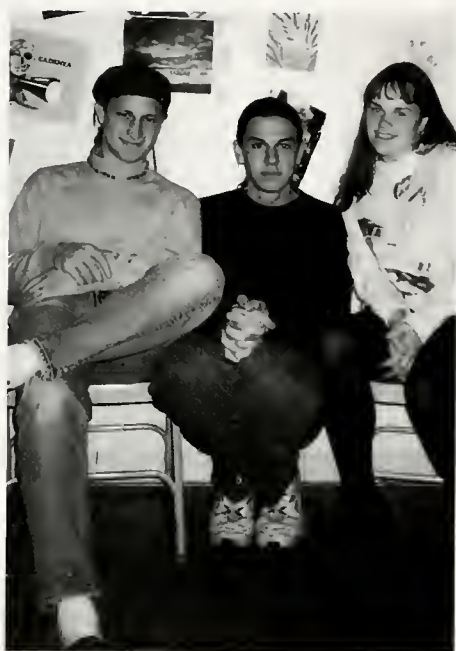
S.U.B. is composed of interested students and lead by the Director of Student Activities, Russ Froman. Russ was a healthy addition to the board with his new ideas and experience. The board is in charge of campus events including Homecoming, Winter Formal, Wednesday Night Dances and many other events on campus. This year the board started many new activities, like the bonfire pep rally before home football games, that they would like to carry on for years to come



Student Publications

Or how to crowd your schedule long after everyone else is done and gone. The radio station has struggle to be heard beyond the walls of Moore Auditorium for most of the academic year '97-98, until a new, bigger, better, larger antenna was installed late last April. They've been blasting ever since. The Hilltop has been fairly regular, considering the incredible effort it takes to put an issue together, let alone put one

out every three to four weeks. Eric Smith and Jessa Decker did a remarkable job of giving us a reflection of ourselves, and keeping the editorial pages hopping. The new tabloid format and the thematic issues for Black History Month, and Women History Month made the Hilltop feel alive and appropriate. At the time of writing this, the Cadenza '98 was still incubating, and the Laurel was looking good, don't you think?



Cadenza: Jason Coleman, Kevin Cross, Krissy Emeola

WVMH: Dyana Savotti, Jason Koon, Melissa Bartlett, Tristan Smith, Nathan Powers, Forrest Connor, Colt Wight, Brian Knickerbocker, Brett DeOrio, Joel Chapen

Hilltop: Editors Eric Smith and Jessa Decker Staff: Casey Kruk, Katie O'Neil, Rachel Cordell, Mary Lou Yelton, Tiffany Linebaugh, Eric Hauser



"Time to work on the Laurel?"
Laurel Editor Leslie Boone



Laurel Staff Kelly Sampson and Amy Smith



Laurel Advisor
Anne Marie
Lesage

Laurel Staff Petrina
Paradzinski
Not Pictured:
Rebekka Cook

Laurel Photographer Tommy
Williams
Not Pictured: Michael
Cottingham

Scholars

*Different strokes for
different minds*

There are three scholars groups on campus, each different than the others. The Bonner Scholars' activities centers around service while the Grayson Scholars are more GPA driven. The Church Leadership Scholars reflect the college's desire to encourage and support bright young Baptist students.



Bonners Scholars: First Row: Meg Pierson, Leigh Anderson, Selena Hilemon, W.T. Hoke, Jonathan Robinson. Second Row: Lisa Stafford, Faith Beddow, Jennifer Arnette, Eydie Pittman, Josh Allen. Third Row: Kweillin Gordon, Joel Chapen, Jason Coleman, Andy Bennett. Fourth Row: Rachel Cordell.

Working in the kitchen demands organization as Matt Reid and Karen Tarkenson discover as they contribute to the Church Leadership retreat.





Belinda is having a good time packing bananas for the Mana Food Bank.

Joel Chapen and Josh Allen are helping out at the Mana Food bank.



June Wyman and Jessa Decker had a great time going down the French Broad during the Grayson Scholar retreat in August '97.



Church Leadership Scholars: Mandy Morgan, Amy Smialowicz, Ericka Lunsford, Scott Sprinkle, Anna Odom, Katie O'Neil, Jill Marlow, Katrina Silvers, Amy Taylor, Karen Tarkenson, Allison Matthews, Missy Harris, Jason Coon, Matt Reid, Kevin Cross and Joshua Clay.



The Grayson scholars elected to go white water rafting together in August to rekindle the spirit. Jessa Decker, Sarah Simmons, Amy LeQuire and June Wyman are regrouping while Aaron pretends to be hip.

A no none-sense absence policy assures the forty members of the Choir that they do spend a lot of time together, either practicing or performing. The men are (from left to right): Jeremy Gale, Marty Gilbert, W.T. Hoke, Ryan Johnson, Scott Sprinkle, Jason Jones, Maurice Myers, John Arnold, Matthew Reid, Grant Michel, Brian Alexander, Howie Ledford, Josh Burns, Jay Smith, Kevin Bright, Matt Koziuk, Sergei Kireyev. . The girls are (3rd row):Melissa Boyd, Rachel Davis, Faith Beddow, Lindsey Varnadoe, Leigh Anderson, Jennifer Freeze, Kelly Brown-Mullinix, Tricia Littlefield, Melanie Mintz; (2nd row): Emily VanDyck, Erika Lunsford, Caroline Emanuel, Chrissy Parker, Beyh Honeycutt, Anna Miller; (1st row):Janey Ollis, Rachel Yarborough, Laura Campbell, Mariadela Perez-Albela, Kelly Evans and Krissy Emeola.



Phi Mu Alpha, from the left: Chad Sigler, Howie Ledford, Jamie Davidson, Keith Reagan, Jason Jones, Donnie Hero, Grant Michel, Sean Smith, Jason Gilchrist, Ed Somech and Andy Washburn. Not pictured is Danny Schmidt, supervisor.



The Jazz Band entertains the crowd at Homecoming.

Delta Omicron , Phi Mu Alpha and more music ensembles

In Harmony

The music societies are closely tied to the academic life of a music major. Phi Mu Alpha is a music fraternity. They just finished their first full year of existence on Mars Hill Campus. They were initiated into a chapter of this national society last November. Phi Mu Alpha is a combination of professional, social and service oriented society. The goal of their 17

members is to service the music department. They teamed up with Delta Omicron, who is their sorority equivalent, and with the Collegiate Music Educators society to purchase new band stands for the department. They also sing together, giving an American music recital every semester. Music majors live, breathe, sing and play in their own music world.



Delta Omicron, front left: Jennifer Paul, Roslyn Reed, Jill Wilkerson, Joy Caviness; Back from left: Denise Schmidt (advisor), Kim Martin, Kelly Payne, Heather Levering, Jodie Metcalf, Mienna Honeycutt, Angie Davis, Melanie Real, Amy Nesbitt.

Clubs and Societies

Many academic majors complement their activities with an honor society or a service oriented club bearing greek letters. There are many such clubs on campus here are four of them, along with a bible study group.

Sigma Tau Delta. The English Honor Society. More precisely, Zeta Omega is Mars Hill's chapter of Sigma Tau Delta. Sigma Tau Delta is an international English Honor Society that is comprised mainly of english majors who keep a GPA of 3.0 or better. Members must also complete three english classes beyond the general english requirement. The club welcomes all majors who meet these criteria. Our chapter was honored as Chapter of the Year in 1991 and continues to promote its motto: Sincerity, Truth and Design.



From back left: Luke Hargus, Diana Hall, Ramona Janson, Amy Payne, Nicole Eller and Carol Boggess (sponsor). Not pictured: Veronica Sapek, Stephanie Reagan, Sarah Ramirez, Amy Parker, Laura Collins, Melody Muller and Christine Dubois.

The Art Club was somewhat inactive this year but its individual members made some wonderful art, weither with clay, paint, photography, printmaking or on the computer. The art graduates were few but they put together a senior exhibition of very high quality. They are (from the left: Ashley Edwards, Diana Hall, Diane Hutt and Ramona Janson.



All over campus some students come together as unofficial groups sharing a specific interest. There is a hand-bell choir out there, and there are many bible study groups. This one includes our yearbook photographer and meets over cookies and sodas.



The Recreation Club is sponsored by Jeff Anderson(at the left) and composed of: Walter Summerlin, Clay Hardin, Wendy Haneline, Leah Pickney, Molly Rich, Jayne Goodyear, Janie Bradshor, Stephanie Walker, Tarra Pittman, Erica Griffith, Brian O'Donnell, and Vollie Barnwell. Matt Schaller is not pictured.



Phi Alpha Zeta, the Fashion Club.
The Fashion Club became a society during the summer of '97, known as Phi Alpha Zeta . They put together "Horizon's Fashion Show in Owen theater last September, they pretty active within their department and they travelled to New York City at Spring break. The members on the picture are: (back row from left) Brandy Harwell, Stephanie Sprouse, Joni Sanders; (Front row)Guerline Baptist, Brittany Howard (president) and Jamey Cook. Not pictured are: Virginia Farkas, Misti Williams, Jodie Norris and Liz Hill.

Ways to Praise

Fellowship of Christian Atheletes, Tuesday Night Live and the New Beginning Singers are three of the most popular way students reach out to the Lord during the week. FCA met on Wednesday nights to sing songs, hear guest speakers, celebrate around bonfires and go to a Christian Coffee Shop. Tuesday Night Live met on Tuesday nights also to give praise and reflect. This year they collected Christmas presents for children less fortunate. Finally, the New Beginning Singers sang at churches in Marion and Winston-Salem. At the end of the year they plan on attending a week long mission trip.



FCA: Cheryl Webb, Jill Marlowe, Steve Marshall, Cory Stanley, Andrew Brown, Anna Daniels, Becca Ravish, Deanna Bentley, Craig Morrison, Amy Black, Katie O'Neil, Kathy Childs, Chris Thomas, Brock Bailey, Mitzi Fulbright, Amy Parker, Janey Ollis, Allison Richardson, Brianne Clemons, Tracy Blackburn, Eric Hauser, Mike Hawkins, Kathryn Harris, Cate Farrell, Mike DeMauro, Karl Benz, Anna Odom, Jason Koon, Chrissy Parker, Joel Kerr, Mandy Luke, Jennifer Wiggins, Eydie Pittman, Nathan Caparolie, Beth Honeycutt, Holly Gruntman, Veronica Sapek, Jane Bradsher, Benji Keisler, Allison Matthews, and Adam Reed.





Tuesday Night Live: First Row: Paula Dempsey, Anna Odom, Jason Koon, JoDee Childers, Datherine Lipsey, Eric Hauser, Dalila Perez, Amy Smialowicz Second Row: Decky Horner, Allison Richardson, John Krouse, Amanda Hill, Heather Tourtellotte, Katie O'Neil, Karen Tarkenton, Eydie Pitman, Beth Honeycutt, Mary Herbert Third Row: Missy Harris, Mitzi Fulbright, Brock Bailey, Amil Kramp Adam Reed (not pictured: Nathan Caparolie)

Alumni Tim Baucom comes back to join in on a quite time to reflect and praise.



Students dance around at one of the FCA meetings. They found this a way to have fun, praise the lord and let off some stress of the day.



New Beginning Singers: First Row: Chrissy Parker, Jo Dee Childers, Shelby Wilder, Mitzi Fulbright Second Row: Matilda Brewer, Tracy Blackburn, Rachel Davis, Eric Hauser, Dan Mullinix, Amy Parker, Amy Brock, Joel Kerr, Beth Honeycutt, Amy Tipton, Janey Ollis, Melanie Mintz

Amazing Challenge

CEP / NonTraditional Students

The Continuing Education Program is a little known entity of MHC for most regular students. If you call its students "non-traditional students", we know who we mean: anyone who is not straight out of high school, single and living on or close to the campus. They often have a busy life outside of school, either they have a family or they work fulltime. The Continuing Education Program is highly regarded by the students in it. Marilyn Gordon thinks it is a great program. "It's amazing that these teachers

(Charlie Narron, Don Russell to name a few) teach all day then jump in their cars and come teach us at T.C. Robinson in the evening". CEP students develop a team spirit of their own, appreciating each other's focus and willingness to put the effort. Mars Hill also caters to a lot of community college graduates, since their previous credits easily translate in our system. All this contributes to bring a group of students whose life experience enhances the teaching they are receiving.



Marie Bartlett Maher walks with pride to pick up her Bachelor of Science in social Justice.



The Continuing
Education Program
has its headquarters in
Marshbanks.



Lynnette Collins
graduates with a
degree in
communication just on
time to let her older
son be the only Collins
of his family on the
hill next year.



Loretta Shelton has worked in the
admission's office while she was
finishing her degree in
communications. She lives in
Marshall with her children.



Courtnei Weilland
twirls for the
homecoming crowd.

Jay Ledford shows his
stuff during a clogging
show in the loft.

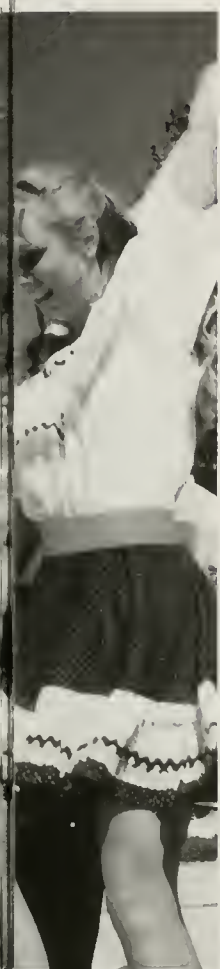


The Mountain Legacy
show opened on the
reminescences of a
barn dance of
yesteryears. Micheal
Scrip was very visible
beside the dulcimer
player, while Colin
Ditty, Jay Ledford and
others were meshed in
the crowd.



As Good as it Gets

The Bailey Mountain Cloggers are a force to be reckon with on campus. Their proficiency, enthusiasm and professionalism was recognized again at many competitions, as well as on stage with 'la creme de la creme' of the clogging world of North Carolina in the review "Mountain Legacy" shown at the Diana Wortham Theater in November. The BMC didn't dance as a team but were a part of a larger body of dancers. Jay Ledford helped on the choreography. The show was a great succes and might still travel to other cities.



The BMC do their high energy, joyful traditional routine as part of the graduation ceremonies.

The BMC dancers danced a tango-like routine for Mountain Legacy.

Compassionate, Active & Involved

The Social Work Club has been very active this year with speakers, meetings and parties. But what good would a "inactive, hands off" social worker?

Living up to their vocational call, these guys were pouring their energies into the social work program as well as all over campus.

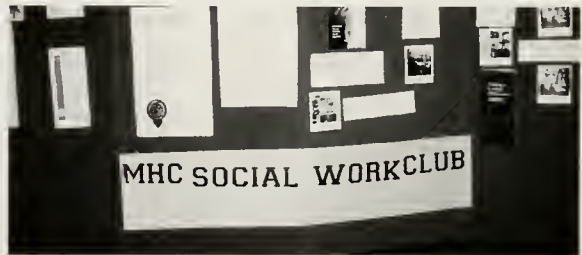
Beth Volger teaches her class under the vines on a warm autumn day.



Front row: Mitzi Fulbright, Cheryl Webb, Shauna Rhoton, Kristy Judkins, Beth Volger (sponser), Second row: Kari Russell, Criss Barin, Akira Ito, Kim Hodges.



The Social Work Club claims march as Social Work Month and puts a board up in Wren to share their involvement with us.



Beth Vogler, Kim Hodges, Brian Matlock, Amy Slusher, Mitzi Fulbright, Cheryl Webb and Jason Howells.

Some of the soccer players decide that Sting should pay a visit to a MHC basketball game.

Kelly Christianson dresses as a dreadful bride.



Scary wedding day.



"Trick or Treat?"



It's a **SCREAM**

Any excuse is a good excuse to get costumed. Halloween is well celebrated on campus, between dorm decoration contests, Haunted House in Owen, or trick or treaters from the community. You'd have to be blind as a bat to miss it. But cheerful studnets will wear masks at sport competiton...just to spook the other team out.



Roswell at MHC?



When does the sequel come out?

The Good, The Bad, The Ugly

A beautiful day for Homecoming 1997 gave Mars Hill College a chance to come together with alumni and friends, a chance for the organizations to strut their stuff and show who and what we are. A chance for our soul to really show through.



Marching to the beat the MHC Band gives rhythm to the parade.



Rosemary Burnett raises her arms and throws some hay in excitement during the Homecoming Parade.

Zeta Chi Theta plays cowboys and indians for their '97 Homecoming float.



Jennifer Wiggins dunks her sorority sister Monica Rice in their demonstration of Mars Hill vs. Newberry.



Cosmo shows the strength of the Lions while escorting the Cheerleaders.



Lambda Chi Omega relaxes while cruising in the parade.



Theta Chi proudly shows off themselves and their cowboy hat.



Homecoming 1997, something to cheer about.



Delta Kappa Theta ride in style with their Rose Queen Amy Lequire and Russ Froman's little girl.



Gamma Chi Epsilon made themselves at home on their Homecoming float.



Delta Phi Zeta had the screaming spirit decked out in their camos.

The sisters of Sigma Alpha Chi wave their victory flag in hopes of a win.



The sisters of Delta Zeta give the crowd smiles and cheers on their way down Main Street.

The MHC band gives a
little funk to
Homecoming 1997.

Homecoming 1997

The crowd was spirited with their smiles and cheers. The band was magnificent with their music. It was a beautiful day. A memorable time. A great game with a win of 21 to 17 against the Newberry Indians. Steve Rouse and Tiffany Stork were crowned as the new King and Queen. A day of reuniting, a day of excitement.



President Lennon
congratulates the 1997
Homecoming Queen
with a bouquet..



The crowds watches intently during
the game.



The 1997 King and Queen smile for
the camara after being presented.



Kelly Evans depicts the joy and excitement of Homecoming.

What a bizarre ritual.



Senior Matt Richardson mentally prepares for the next play during his last Homecoming game.

Call It Home

Your dorm room is your refuge and your territory (although a small one). Roommates and suitmates are alternatively our best and our worst friends. If your friendship survives living so close, it will survive a life time.

Here is an example of roommate- survival-skills 101



Joe is a well organized, compact dorm survivor,





Guys bathroom.

....Need we say more?..

Shea Drummond catches her breath after a long day.



Jessica Nadal hugs that big square cow seat.



Ames Livingston, Jesse Keenan and Hudson (the sociable dog) are hanging out on the porch.



Brian Bean, Matt Littleton and Josh Moore study in their living room (good show guys!).

Ed Somech dropped in at Miceo Yoshida's apartment above the herb store.



Stephanie and Sid are just relaxing at friends.





Freedom & Fun

After two years living in the dorms, many student opt for a place of their own in Mars Hill. By doing so they swap a very gregarious living arrangement for another very busy, crowded one. There are no rules but pay the bills and deal with the landlord, the roomates and the flow of

guests. For most of us, it's our first taste of Freedom and Independence....



Abubakar Ahmed, Ricardo Baena, Shina Fukui, Lilian Ortega, Mircea Matthias, Kazumi and Sarah Durner escaped their dorm to go party with other international students.



Taylor Maurer enjoys a bed that fits his size, in his own room.



Nicole and Laura were having a quiet evening when Mike and Kevin crashed in.

"The World of Work"

School is preparing us for "the world of work", it is giving us the skills to face the world "out there". For most of us, "out there" is right here, 14 to 20 hours a week doing work study, or working part-time in the local stores and restaurants.



Andrew Allison is cleaning up the yards around Wren for his work study.



Since she has so much facility with computers, Leslie Boone is working at the library's help desk.

Carla Helton works at Marshbanks computer lab.

Matt Hanrahan is working at Pizza Roma where he is now a manager.



From Top to Bottom: Katie Sparrow, Carrie McLean, Kevin Galloway, Kristen Boswell, Amanda Webb, Lori Mayo and Adam Reid are the Library staff this year.



Jason Jones is working his Bonner hours in good company at Mars Hill Elementary.



"Groovy man..."

"Hey, I'm in Business!..."

"Oh no sir! we weren't
going to the Red Dot..."



Cars, Cars Cars

We are what we drive...
and who are we? A
look around MHC parking
lots tells how diversified
the student population is.
To this short survey we
should really include a
whole lot of walking shoes,
since many freshmen and
international students are ...
pedestrians.



Mud Bug galore



Yee Ha !!!



The 1997 Gateway staff is smiling, and ready for the week ahead. These students, under Ross Froman's guidance, help introduce the freshman class to MHC early in the Fall Semester. You can find most of these students in every other organization; this picture is a summary of the movers and shakers on campus.

Greg Gofforth, Dean of Student development, instructs his staff.



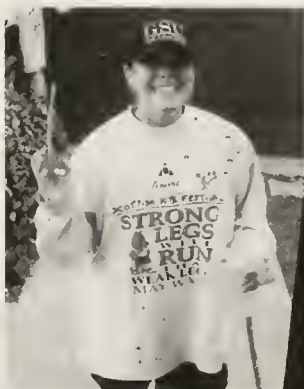
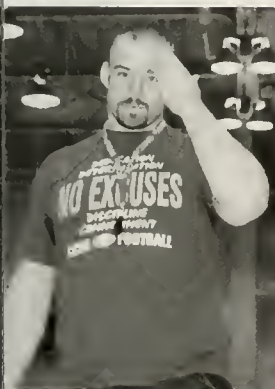
The Welcoming Committee

College is not just what you do in class, its a living experience. To ease the transition for freshmen, a large welcome committee gathers for three days before registration for the Gateway. The freshman class of Fall '97 felt the weekends needed a little more organization, they therefore form a new student group: the Weekenders. The goal of the Weekenders is to give an identity, a budget and a group to hang out with to the students who stay on campus through the weekend. The Weekenders got started late in the school year but are confident to be pretty active next school year.

WEEKENDERS

The Weekenders bulletin board is up by the post office in Wren.

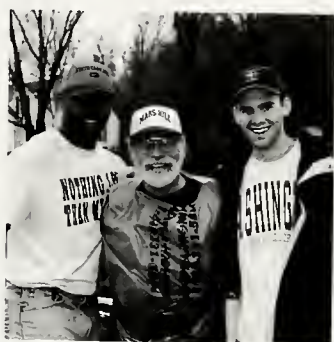
Statements come in many different forms, and some times a t-shirt says it all.



Helping Hands

In January, Bakersville was struck by a devastating flood. In response Andy Bennett, a student, saw this as an opportunity to lend a hand. He told enough people, that on a grey and raining friday morning over 200 students and staff boarded school buses to go help clean up Bakersville. Many students who had been inticed to go

by service-learning requirements came back totally changed. In the words of Amy Parker "we were digging in piles of what looked at first like mud, turning up books and toys. It was someones life we were digging up". These 200 Mars Hill people went beyond academia to make a real difference in the lives of a small community. Every one who went came back wet and humble.



Burk Ulrey brought his tool of choice: the weed eater.

By lunch time the rain pretty much chased us out. Mandy Luke was as wet as anyone.





Rachel Cordell, Shea Drummond, Shyla Lessington and Torri Hamilton are on the painting crew.

Stan Dotson and Ryan Risk stand around while Myra Wolf plants a tree. Come on guys!



Mike Mitchell is also on window duty.

Amy Tipton and Cindy Frost talk while the clean.

Enjoy Great Food and Stay Sober

Last April's International Festival was another multi-cultural food fest. Adding To the tables set up by foreign students, there were tables attended by foreign sympathizers. Akira Ito and Paul Myers displayed some Kendo moves while the plates were wiped clean. In a different venue, off campus, the student development office had put together the second mock trial

of the year. The first one was a case of date rape. The issue was complex, as these mock trials like to be, the girl was calling their evening affair a rape since the guy had spiked her drink with a drug. The last mock trial was a case of drinking and driving. The mock trials are a way to raise delicate issues and provoke some discussions within the student population without being heavy handed.



Barbara Soto and Mariadela Perez cooked up some very sweet 'leche' and other dishes from Argentina and Peru.

Stephanie Lorant prepares some mean crepes bretonnes stuffed with chocolate.



The witness swears in before he testifies for the defense.



The Japanese table was well attended, with its sushi plates, chicken and fried potatoes a la nippon.

The defense, lead by Justin Combs, consults while the judge is speaking.



In an attempt to clearly explain how the accident took place, the 'mock' witness draws plans for the jury.

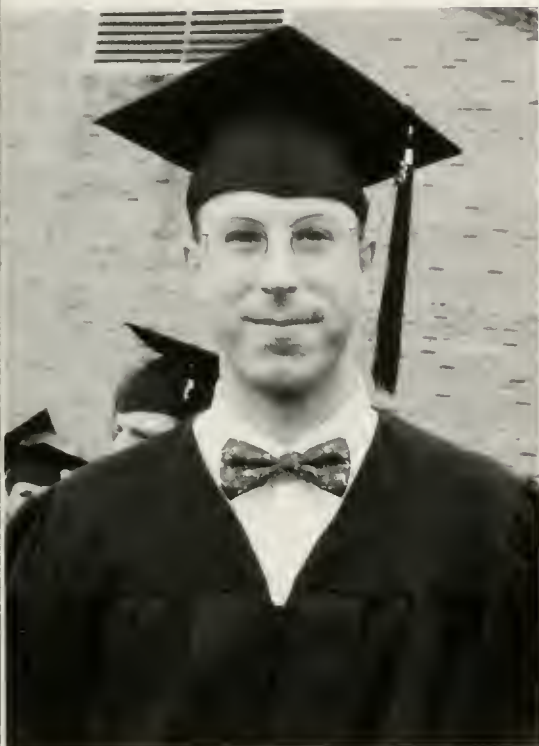
Who's Who

All Students have a unique contribution to make when they enter MHC. In this section we are honoring eleven students who have graduated this May with a GPA of 3.95 to 4.0. A high proportion of those students are so called non-traditional students which points out to the importance of a strong motivation when it comes to studying. All students are very busy people, either they have been involved with different organizations, doing Bonner work, busy doing massive internships (like so many of us), double majoring (and keeping a 4.0...), studying abroad in the midst of it all or just raising a family ... And oddly enough, none of these eleven students are involved with the Greek organizations on campus... Their academic achievement have opened them the doors for the future. Congratulations, you've made it!



Diane Joy Hutt

"She is one of the kindest people I know" says Jo Ann Croom, Diane's Biology adviser. Diane is graduating with a double major in Biology and in Arts, after spending a year in The Netherlands and a semester in Mexico. "Diane has many strong gifts in the areas of language, art and science. She is very intelligent, she writes and speaks eloquently; She is people sensitive". When asked what her calling is, Diane said "To study. I want to learn about everything". She is no doubt late bloomer material, and when she will bloom, it will be thoughtful, personal, scientifically and artistically, fully and completely. She is no where close to be boxed in a definition. "Yeah, you can say playfulness is one of my core value, but so is dancing. Dancing is a really important value..."



Steven Amil Kramp

"Amil Kramp is the perfect student" according to his adviser Allen Shelley. "Because of students of his quality we were able to build up the foundation of the sports medicine program. He is an inspiration to all of us; He comes in every morning smiling and dependable". Amil had a whirlwind two year stay at MHC. He graduated with over 1500 hours of internship in sport medicine, he was the T.A. on the men's tennis team, he was very involved with the FCA and work as a physical therapy technician on the side. "He has strong morals and ethics". Next year Amil plans to attend Bible Study School in Wisconsin while working as an athlete trainer there.



Cory Parks Hall

"A passion for truth is driving and consuming him, and he pursues it with intelligence and integrity". Kathy Meacham is not short on praise for Cory Hall who graduated with a major in religion and who is now starting seminary school in Princeton. "Cory seeks people who will challenge him. Finding the truth is more important to him, than holding on to an ideology." Cory wants to serve people through pastoral ministry in North Carolina or in his natal Florida. His time at Mars Hill was spent building for the future in more ways than one: he met his wife, Amanda Hardin, in Becki Cody's GE 111 class. Of his years at MHC he says "Give God the Glory, but give thanks to my teachers!"

Who's Who



Bryan Herbert Klinge

After ten years in the military, Bryan came back to school to get an accounting degree. He finished at Mars Hill a degree he had started at AB- Tech. "Bryan is an outstanding student". Joe Blair enjoyed having Bryan in his classes. "He gets other student involve". Some say he is tenacious, he looks at it as having grown to be a perfectionist. Bryan leaves no stones unturned. Kathy Meacham, who taught him humanities, is appreciative that for someone so grounded in the concrete world as an accounting major, he is so at ease in the world of ideas and abstraction. It might have something to do with extensive assignments in such remote locations as the Aleutian Islands. Bryan will be a very good accountant one day.



Shelby Ann Tomlin Wilder

Shelby graduated in december, after completing her work load in three and a half years without a sweat. She did a major in English with a focus on writing. "She would choose very ambitious projects and work them thoroughly. She always went beyond the assignment, writing a very solid paper." Carol Boggess was always impress with Shelby's creative ways to pursue a topic. "New territory doesn't slow her down. "Shelby will no doubt have of her own company one day, offering free-lance technical writing services, since this is what she dreams.



Amanda Lee Hill

"When you approach a cross-road in your life, the easiest path is not always the best choice. It's the more challenging road that leads you through triumph and tribulation, bringing with it the deepest level of fulfillment, joy, peace and direction, as you journey onward following your call" thus Amanda in her own words, sums up everything I have heard about her. Dr. Meacham calls her a courageous and caring thinker. "Amanda has a gift for pulling together all she learns and asking tough questions". Amanda has had an unorthodox academic path, by adding a religion minor to her accounting major. An important door opened in her junior year when she realized she wanted to help people more directly than as an accountant. This fall '98 she is starting divinity school at Campbell. She was a Marshbank-Anderson scholar. "Mars Hill met me right where I was and let me grow"



Kerri Marie McNaughton

When asked about Kerri, Ms. Sarah Hensley was full of praise for her T.A. in math. "Kerri has been a real treasure for our students. She is very patient and has given countless hours of her time to those who needed it. If Kerri agrees to do something you can count on her. We will miss her". "No one will out work Kerri" says Dr. Don Russell. Kerri plans to be teaching math and to this end she is pursuing a Master of Science in applied Math at Western Carolina University. "I had my own determination to achieve my goals while in college, but the encouragement and support I received from my friends, my teachers and the staff at the college helped me remember my goals and to stay focused on achieving them".

Who's Who



Karen Rice Silver

Karen is well known to students and faculty alike for being the PE department secretary for four of the five years it took her to get her Bachelors in Social Work. Every body can tell you what a nice, quiet person she is. Karen graduated a few months before her daughter began her Mars Hill experience. "I came back to school to be a social worker, to work directly with people, one on one. That's what I like." "Don't look for Karen in some high powered position, she will be on the barricades, doing her job" says Dr. Julie Nooe. "Karen is specially equipped to be a good social worker, she listens well and her ego does not get in the way". Karen was shocked to be mentioned in these pages, her GPA was her last consideration, she just focuses on people.



Jeannie Pegg Payne

Jeannie Payne had an undergraduate degree in communications from NC State and had worked in her field prior to enrolling in the Bachelor of Music Degree in Music Education. "I have seldom worked with a more mature, focused and dedicated musician whose enthusiasm for music and compassion for people spread to all in the department. She has served as a role model for our younger majors, showing them that progress comes from nothing less than hard work and passionate dedication to your chosen field. I had the privilege of seeing her student-teach in front of a freshmen choir at Erwin High School. The same qualities that she brought to her major she was sharing with those young women. She will be an outstanding representative from our college and we are indeed fortunate to have had her with us these past three years."

-Dr. Julie Fortney, chair of department of Music.



Marilyn Orr Gordon

Marilyn was a C.E.P. student in Business Administration who held a job through out her studies. She came back to school to acquire the degree needed for advancement in her field. She is disciplined and not afraid of hard work. She is comfortable with the structure of the corporate world and enjoys working in marketing. She is currently employed at General Electric, the first of many interesting jobs that will no doubt, push her up the corporate ladder. "Marilyn was a great student, sharp, intelligent and willing to work. She has the flexibility to learn new thought processes and keep developing". Dr. Don Russell taught her math and helped out when statistic needed extra explanations. Marilyn may or may not go back to do an MBA, but right now she is enjoying giving her full attention to her career.



Virginia Madison Wilkins

Ginger can clog. She danced with The Bailey Mountain Cloggers for four years, joining every major show. She also contributed significantly to the Folk dance program of the Southern Appalachian Center, here at Mars Hill. Part of Ginger's uniqueness is that while she appreciates and celebrates our folk traditions, she has simultaneously become one of the most technologically competent student on campus. She has work on MHC home page team, as well as has created the home pages for NC Arboretum and Madison County Economic Development. She also performed over 200 hours of community-service, has received multiple scholarships and awards, and has done a few very interesting internships, notably with the Institute last summer.

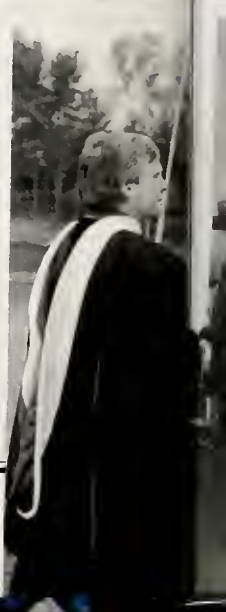
The Class Of 1998

The graduation events were revitalized by the participation of a number of student speakers. Brian Matlock, Lynnette Collins and Melissa Blair-Gosling spoke at the Graduation Banquet, while Kris Geddie, Missy Harris and Laura Collins gave the student addresses at the Commencement Ceremony. All the speeches were

wonderful; they were intelligent, pertinent, well delivered and they really reflected the reality of the Mars Hill experience, as we know it, from a student point of view. Laura Collins sent us thinking about our impact on our society for the next forty years, hinting

that love was surely the key to make it a success. "Turn toward your neighbors" she ordered, "Tell them you love them. Goodbye and Good luck!" To which the crowd responded with a roar of applause. Right on, Laura!

Melissa Blair Gosling addresses the audience at the graduation banquet held the evening before graduation.





Brian Matlock and his peers anxiously hope for clear skies for graduation day.



Joe Taft scans the crowd to find his relatives and friends as he enters the stadium.

College president Max Lennon congratulates seniors and awards them with the much anticipated diploma.



Kris Geddie is congratulated by Dr. Joel Reed after receiving his diploma.

Tears of Joy. Kristie Parker proudly looks to her family after receiving her diploma.



Thanks. Cory Hall looks to Dr. Lenburg in thanks after receiving his diploma.



Expression. Laura Collins proudly walks off stage after giving a powerful speech.



Joy. The expression on Holland Ward's face tells all.



Shock. Lamark Cash looks amazed from receiving his diploma.



Stepping into the Future

The commencement ceremony was held outside in Meares Stadium, with ominous clouds transiting above our heads.

Dean Leininger called each graduate's name as fast as they could walk through,

trying to beat the rain that never fell. Students were cheered by their peers and their family, which kept the whole exercise lively and spirited.



Accomplishment. Brian O'Donnell shows what it feels like to be a graduate.



Friends. Brian Matlock and Tricia Littlefield show their excitement during the ceremony.

Congratulations!!!

As the ceremony came to a close, those of us who will still be here next year couldn't help but to reflect on the void that will be felt as the class of



"It's over!"

'98 leaves. Contemplating life after college is as exciting as it is scary. I remember them as sophomores, so much more relax then we were as freshmen, they introduced us to e-mail and Dennys; then as juniors, one by one they changed, finding a focus, getting into their classes, really changing; in this pass year, they were often too busy to just hang out, as they were racing toward the finish. Now there out of here. Next it's us... Wow.

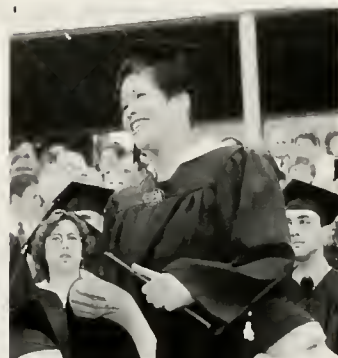


Lamark Cash gives Brian Johnson 'some love' with diploma in hand.





Leslie Cox smiles in excitement.



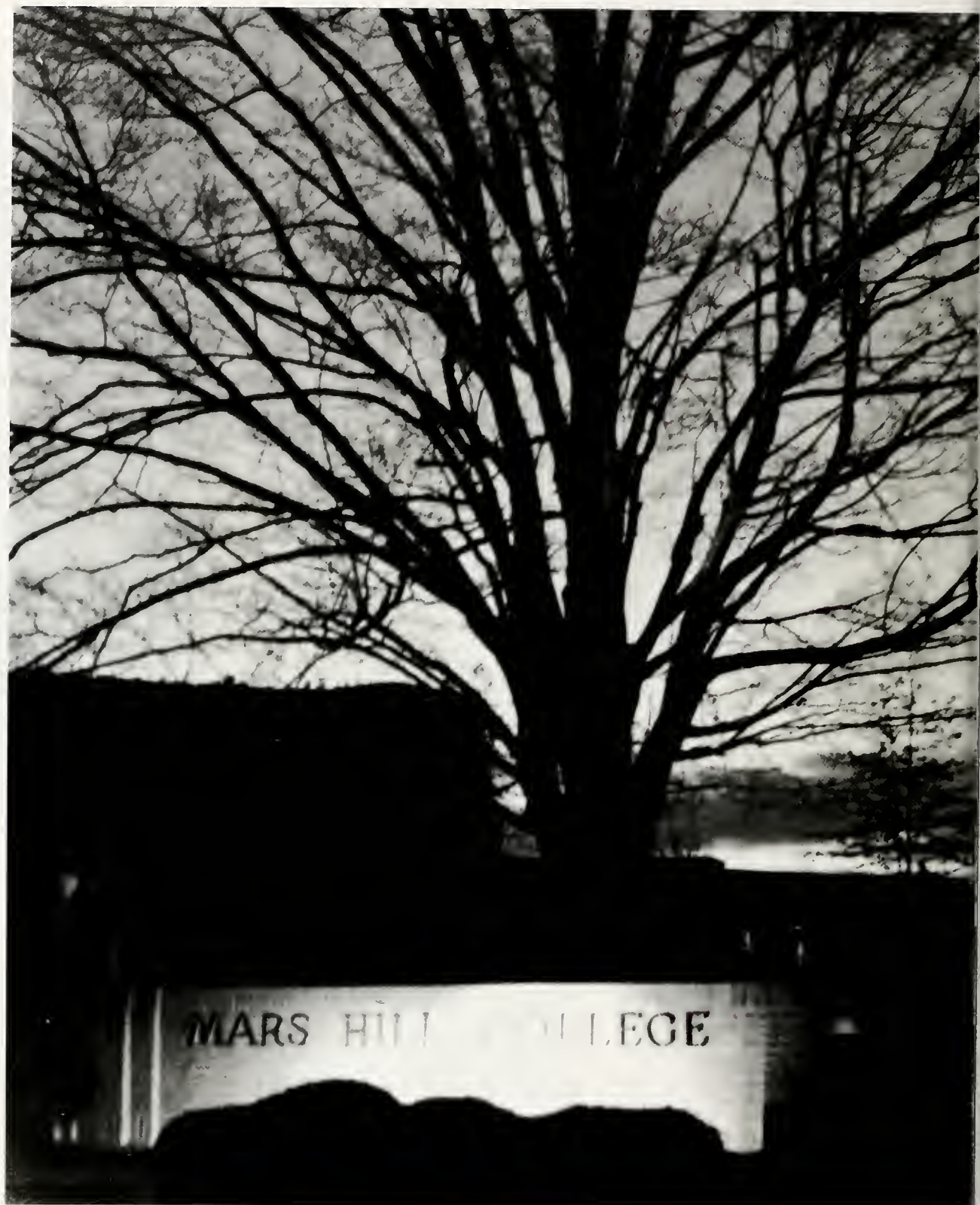
Eli Head stops to congratulate Diane Hutt after the ceremony.



Some people take the road less traveled and eventually get there just the same. Michio conquered the English language in just five years, but still held on to Japanese tradition.



Dawn Green and Dr. Lenburg share the excitement of graduation.





Mind



Body



Soul

Mind...we learned, thought, were creative, we studied here and abroad, we reached our mental goals. **Body**...we were a part of a team, we stayed fit, we practiced and practiced, we were competitive, athletes, winners and champions. *Soul*...we celebrated, grew, fellowshiped, we had social activities, service projects and fun. All of these things made up everyday life at Mars Hill College in 1998. This year was our **Mind**, **Body** and *Soul*.

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We hope you will recognize yourself and your Mars Hill '97-98 experience in this Laurel.

Annemarie Lesage, yearbook advisor.

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